

Sullivan Probes The Strengths And Problems Of Southern Baptists

By Marion Harvey Carroll

NEW ORLEANS, La. — "In our lifetime, unless we can reverse the trend, we'll see the day when the churches will pay taxes on everything, sanctuaries included," predicted James L. Sullivan, president of the Baptist Sunday School Board (BSSB). The warning came at a session of New Orleans Seminary's annual Pastors' Conference conducted here July 8-12.

Fielding a question from the floor about the tax problems of the BSSB, Sullivan commented: "If government can tax, it can destroy you."

In a four-part series of lectures on his reflections of the Southern Baptist



Leaders at the 12th annual Pastors' Conference at New Orleans Seminary were Dr. Grady Cothen (center), president-elect of the Baptist Sunday School Board and former NOBTS president; Dr. James L. Sullivan (right), BSSB president, and acting president Dr. Ray P. Rust.

Constitution (SBC), the outgoing BSSB president dissected the structure of the SBC, probed the denomi-

nation's strengths and problems, and stressed the "absolute imperative" of religious education.

Commenting on the organization of the SBC, Sullivan told the audience of over 150 pastors: "We don't need any more machinery than we've already got — you don't grind coffee

in a concrete mixer!" He also noted that nothing is more misunderstood by Southern Baptists than the concept of organization. "I've heard more sermons preached against organization than against sin," the former preacher declared. Good organization, he continued, is like a good digestive system. "If it's working, you're not aware you've got one. If it's not, you're not aware of anything else."

Diagramming the structure of the SBC, he pointed out that there are no inferior or superior Baptist bodies. Instead, Sullivan said, the local church tops the structure. It is the local church that elects the messengers who make up the other bodies — the associations, the state conventions, and the SBC. And each agency, he emphasized, is directly accountable to the Southern Baptist Convention.

He then enumerated eight strengths of the convention:

—Youthfulness: "We're hardly out of our junior years as a convention."
—Lay emphasis: "Most denominations are run by and for preachers. We're a grassroots lay movement."
—Ability to change.

—Checks and balances within the denomination, created by the interdependence between the associations, state conventions, and SBC.

—Trustee system for SBC institutions: "The trustees furnish objectivity; the administration, subjectivity."
—Diversity: "We're not all alike — thank the Lord!"
—Flexibility.

—Voluntariness, as expressed by the Cooperative Program.

Declaring that there is no perfect system, Sullivan zeroed in on one of the biggest problems facing Southern Baptists today: communication.

'Vacuum Approach' Used
To get the facts across so that people will understand them, the BSSB uses what Sullivan termed a (Continued On Page 3)

GRAHAM CALLS FOR PRAYER ON CYPRUS CRISIS

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (BP) — Evangelist Billy Graham called here for prayer that the trouble on Cyprus not result in a third world war.

Graham, speaking at a special public meeting to a primarily Swiss audience and more than 3,000 participants in the International Congress on World Evangelization, said "We can't know how bad the situation is" or "where it's going to lead. My prayer is that it not end in a third world war."

The evangelist then called for a moment of silence as the audience stood for prayer. About 600 persons responded to a subsequent invitation to make decisions for Christ.

BSSB Elects Key Leaders; Sets \$59,586,000 Budget

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP)—Trustees of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board elected a new executive vice president and book store division director and adopted a \$59,586,000 budget for 1974-75 in their semiannual meeting at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center.

Among other actions, the board's policy group also eliminated individual discounts at Baptist book stores, announced church literature and conference center rate increases and elected officers.

W. O. Thomason, 51, presently serving as director of the board's book store division, was elected executive vice president to succeed J. M. Crowe upon his retirement in February, 1975.

William S. Graham, 39, now manager of the book store division's eastern stores department, was elected to succeed Thomason as division director.

The 1974-75 budget, calling for total sales of \$59,586,000, represents an increase of 13.8 per cent over the current year's budget. Several actions were related to the financial situation.

The trustees in response to a 1973 Southern Baptist Convention motion asking for Baptist book store discounts for pastors and other ordained church workers, voted to discontinue, effective July 1, 1975, all individual discounts which had been available to denominational employees.

The only discounts remaining in effect after that date will be where existing contracts call for them in seminary book stores, the church library discounts, quantity discounts and certain reciprocal discounts to other retail book stores.

"A discount policy is basically a discriminatory policy," stated board President James L. Sullivan. "We have recommended the no-discount approach to our trustees in an effort to move closer to avoiding both the ethical and economical problems inherent in a discount system. This move will assist in our plans for providing more funds for state convention work and will enable us to treat all individuals in the convention with fairness and equity. The trustees, who voted in 1964 to discontinue their own discount, are saying by this action that they believe no distinction should be made between the people in our denomination."

In other book store related action, the policy group also approved reorganizing the division to provide for six regions, related to divisions of the United States Postal Service Bulk Mail System. The move is designed to improve managerial span of control and to improve mail order service to Baptist book store customers.

Rate increases in two areas were approved. Church literature prices will increase about 10% effective with issues dated April, 1975. Conference

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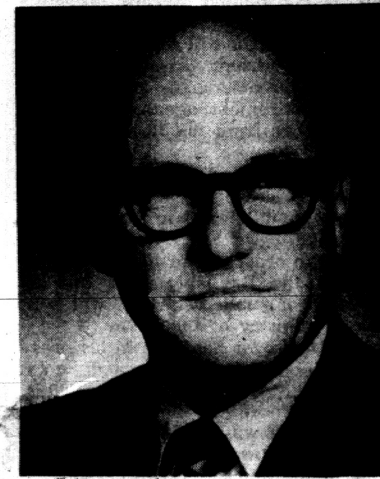
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Board Buys Camp Property, Sets Reorganization, Employs Staffer



Don McGregor

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board has purchased a 220-acre tract of land for a future Royal Ambassador camp, voted to enlarge and restructure its operating organization, and employed a new associate editor for the **Baptist Record**, its weekly official newspaper.

Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, executive secretary-treasurer, said that the above significant actions were taken by the 100-member body in a historic called meeting held Tuesday afternoon of last week at the First Baptist Church of Kosciusko.

Dr. Harold T. Bryson, of Carthage, Board president, presided over the meeting which was held in Kosciusko so the members could go out and inspect the property, located near that city.

The property is situated about seven miles northwest of Kosciusko, just off of Highway 19, and formerly owned by Nathan Oliver of Kosciusko.

The Executive Committee of the Board, which made the recommendation that the property be purchased, had already taken an option on the property and the action by the Board, in effect, completed the transaction, according to Dr. Harold Kitchings, of Kosciusko, co-chairman of the Executive Committee who made the recommendation in the absence of Glenn Perry, Philadelphia, chairman.

The cost of the property was \$66,000, with the money allocated from (Continued On Page 2)

McGregor Accepts Position Of Associate Editor Of Record

Don McGregor of Dallas, Texas, presently editor-publisher of a suburban weekly newspaper, was elected Associate Editor of the **Baptist Record**, by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board at its special meeting in Kosciusko, last Tuesday, July 23. He has accepted the position. Mr. McGregor is coming to fill the

vacancy caused by the retirement of Rev. Joe Abrams, who will leave his position with the **Record** on December 31, after 23 years of service with the publication.

The position as associate editor of the **Baptist Record**, carries extra duties in public relations work of the convention board. In the past, the main responsibility in this area, has been in directing the "Mississippi Baptist News Service" which provides news coverage for the convention work. Plans now call for some enlargement of this responsibility.

Mr. McGregor will begin his work with the **Baptist Record** on September 16. For the first months he will be working with Mr. Abrams, and acquainting himself with both the editorial and public relations responsibilities. In addition, he will be handling some special public relations responsibilities for the convention.

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Missions Budget Of Home Board Nears \$20 Million

ATLANTA (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board approved a nearly \$20 million budget for 1975, an increase of close to \$2 million.

The record budget was made possible as the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions passed its 1974 goal of \$7.2 million, and the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unfilled budget is running 13.22 percent ahead of last year.

Some \$400,000 of the \$2 million increase comes from an enlarged budget in the division of church loans and is provided in earnings from loans.

The Easter offering totaled \$7,272,428 as of July 24, with more than five months to go before the books close on the offering. This amount is \$1,261,024 more than on the same date a year ago — a 19 per cent increase.

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Character A Basic Concern, Officers Told

NASHVILLE (BP)—The church-related college "must be concerned with character" to remain relevant to basic human problems, a Baptist educator told admissions officers of Southern Baptist schools at a national workshops sponsored here by the denomination's Education Commission.

The three-day third annual conference attracted about 100 admissions personnel from 44 Southern Baptist schools, colleges, universities and seminaries.

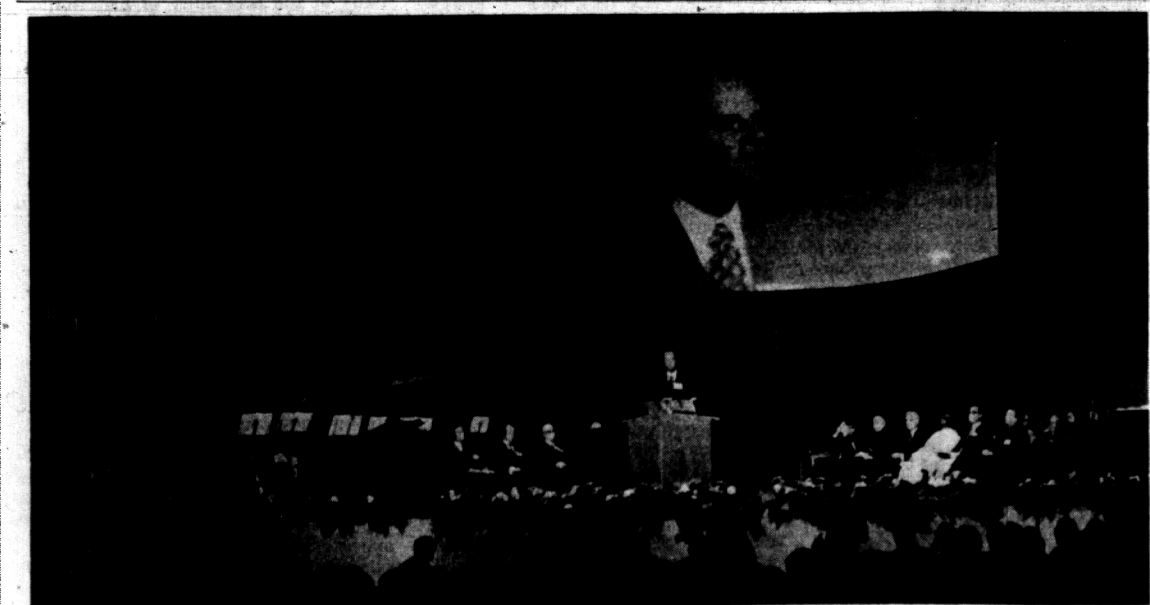
"We owe it to ourselves to ask rigorous questions about the appropriateness of admissions policies to the declared character and values of our institutions," said L. D. Johnson, professor of religion and chaplain at Furman University, Greenville, S. C.

"In the best interest of both the student and the college," Johnson said, "the kind of student recruited ought to reflect more than desperation to fill empty dormitory beds. Rather, one would like to believe that such recruitment may be the deliberate effort to find and enroll the kind of student who can respond to and profit from the specific educational experience of the college that recruited him."

To do that, the Furman professor noted, the school itself must "self-

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Dr. Billy Graham, honorary chairman, addresses participants at the opening plenary session of the International Congress on World Evangelization. Sharing the

speakers' platform with the famed American evangelist are participants from many of the 150 countries represented at the congress.

World Strategy Planned At Lausanne

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (BP) — Strategies for carrying the Christian gospel to every person in the world in this century are being developed in 35 small group meetings at the International Congress on World Evangelization.

Nearly 3,700 persons from 150 countries — including 2,700 official participants — are registered at the mammoth 10-day congress.

Os Guinness of Switzerland, author of *Dust of Death*, spoke of the vital role of Christians in society as he addressed one of the sub-meetings.

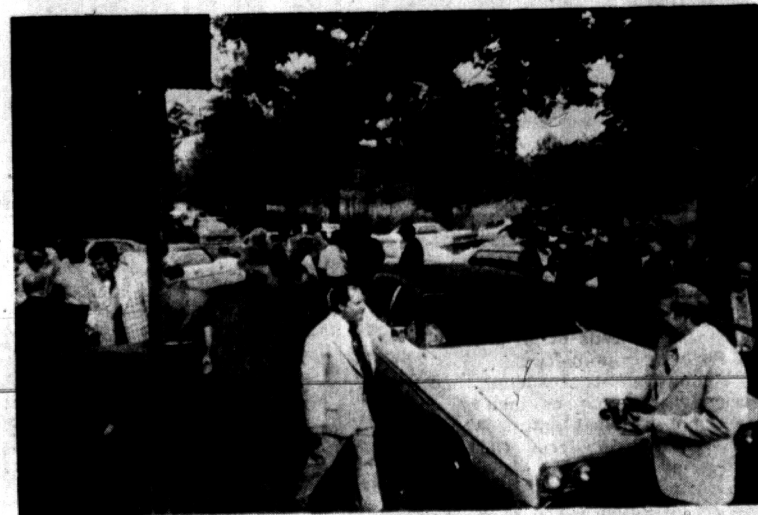
Because of a "bankruptcy of secular thought," thinking people today are uniquely open to the presentation of the Christian message, Guinness suggested.

He said that the world is looking for alternative answers to the Renaissance idea of the supremacy of man. Thinking men around the world, he said, are searching for an answer to relate themselves more effectively to the state, society and the universe. He defined "thinking persons" as opinion-makers and, in fact, all sincere and honest seekers.

These persons, Guinness said, are best introduced to Christ "person-to-person because they put a high premium on independent thought and private judgment. Christian witnesses should maintain a balance between polar truths such as God's sovereignty and man's significance, and practical truth with consistency and honesty in their approach to the intellectual," he said.

At what might seem the opposite end of the spectrum — the evangelization of children — a new, urgent

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Board Meets On R. A. Camp Property

The above three photos were taken at the time the Convention Board visited the tract of land near Kosciusko purchased by the body for a future R. A. camp site. Top photo shows view toward area where a lake will be formed. Second picture gives view toward section where one or more buildings will be constructed. Lower photo was taken just after the Board voted to buy the property and adjourned. Dr. Harold T. Bryson, Carthage, Board president, is seen in front of auto in foreground.

Ex-Pastor Honored By Church

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, retired executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and former pastor of First Church, Jackson, on Sunday, July 21, at the eleven o'clock worship service, received a certificate making him pastor emeritus of the church.

Rev. Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church, said the motion to make Dr. Hudgins pastor emeritus of the church passed a unanimous vote by the deacons, and was made official when the congregation passed the resolution. "It was something I thought of," said Pollard. "There is a need to honor Dr. Hudgins for what he has done for our church. He still does a lot of service today."

While becoming acquainted with Jackson in his first six months as pastor, Pollard noted "Dr. Hudgins has been a great help. He has let me have the benefit of some fine Christian advice." Pollard further described Dr. Hudgins as a "fine Christian friend."

Dr. Hudgins, who served as pastor at First Church from 1946 to 1969, is retired now, but remains active by performing weddings, and funerals and sometimes substitutes from the pulpit.

In talking to different Jacksonians, Pollard observed, "I found nothing but great love for him and his preaching and his ministry." Pollard said that Dr. Hudgins' ministry reached people of different denominations during his 23 years as pastor in Jackson, noting that he was truly a servant of God.

BSSB Elects—

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center fees will increase \$10 to \$15 next summer. Food prices will increase 50 cents per day.

Part of the increased earnings available to the board will be distributed to the state convention educational programs under the Program of Cooperative Work with State Boards. Beginning January 1, 1975, additional funds will be made available to smaller state conventions to enable them to employ at least one worker in the church education field.

This move was made possible by a 1974 SBC action which changed the formula under which the Sunday School Board provides more than \$300,000 annually to SBC's Convention Operating Budget. Previously the board allocated to the SBC 33 1/3 per cent of all funds provided the states under the Program of Cooperative Work With State Boards. The new formula calls for the board to allocate to the convention 33 1/3 per cent of the first million dollars that goes to the states, plus 10% of funds in excess of \$1 million.

"Under the old formula, the cost of providing extra help to the newer, smaller state conventions was prohibitive," stated Sullivan. "Now, the way is clear for providing these additional funds where they are greatly needed, as they become available to us for this purpose."

Character A Basic—

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consciously do its homework of deciding what it is, what it can and cannot do and what it holds to be of value. I suspect that many of us have not done our homework—at least not lately."

A school's declaration of its values to the general public, as Furman University recently did after an in-depth study, "seems to me a more honorable intention than either wandering around in a miasma of unclarified principles trying to be all things to all people or else traipsing off in eager imitation of educational fashions that reflect no higher aim than a 'me-too' stance," Johnson said.

He said Furman decided four things—that it was to be:

—A person centered institution which would express "sincere interest in the spiritual, emotional, physical and financial needs of all persons in the Furman community."

—Committed to academic excellence and freedom of inquiry and "sponsored on the ground that the World of God revealed in Jesus Christ is a valid point of reference for the academic enterprise."

—An institution which seeks to develop mature students, encourage them in political and social concerns and enforce regulations that reflect the college's commitment to Christian morality, history and present situation and also the reality that it is a community of persons reflecting different views and lifestyles" and;

—Unashamedly a college which acknowledges its denominational and regional heritage.

HMB Budget Nears \$20 Million

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The Board's directors appointed a missionary couple and 23 missionary associates in the board's summer meeting here.

The Board's directors, named two staff members, an Anglo to work as a loan officer and a Black man to work with National Baptists, and accepted the resignation of another.

Jack Grisham, associate director in the department of Christian social ministries since 1973, is resigning to become pastor of First Baptist Church, Russellville, Ky., effective September 23.

Joe Carl Johnson will begin work in October as associate director in the division of church loans. Edward Lorenzo Wheeler will be associate director of the department of cooperative ministries with National Baptists.

The Board will add to the celebration of the nation's 200th anniversary coming up in 1976 with a group of special projects.

The projects, announced and approved during the agency's directors' meeting here, will include motor caravans visiting national monuments, a traveling art-photo exhibit and a specially-written musical drama related to the theme "We Hold These Truths."

A volunteer is being sought to co-ordinate the 18-month project series.

Bob Bingham, director of the board's program services section, and chairman of the project committee, said that one of the objectives is to direct attention to the role that Baptists have played in the spiritual growth and development of our nation.

Emphasis on all the projects is the ability of local churches to participate, Bingham said. For instance, a drama-musical group of student summer missionaries or other volunteers will travel the summer of 1976 performing the production, but a simplified adaptation of the program, which church groups can perform in their own towns, will be available to local churches.

Church members may join or leave any of the three planned caravans—circling the west, the midwest and the east—and when the caravans stop nearby, churches may participate in the special worship services.

Another project churches may participate in will be a series of 60-second spot announcements. Ten or eleven of these will be produced on 16 mm film and videotape dealing

with home missions and its relationship to development of the nation, through missionaries, Baptist leaders or contributions of Baptist heritage.

The videotape spots will be available for use by local groups desiring to buy time on television, while the film spots will be available to associations and state conventions for regular or special services.

The art-photo exhibit will include work done basically by Home Mission Board personnel and will tour from June 1, 1975 through July 4, 1976, among shopping malls, college campuses, national parks and Baptist state and associational meetings.

It is envisioned that the board's US-2 missionaries will accompany the van and exhibits to talk with and witness to visitors. Local involvement might include advance invitations to church people to enter their own art and photos in the exhibit.

Other projects include a special travel guide, pointing out the routes of the caravans and showing scheduled events of the bicentennial year. Special promotional materials will be available from the board, both for Baptist and non-Baptist audiences, including special biographies, suitable for reproduction in local media, of outstanding home missionaries, past and present.

Members of the bicentennial committee which includes both Home Mission Board staff and directors, are: Wendell Belew, Bob Bingham, Mrs. I. W. Bowen, William Hinson, James Kelly, James Sapp, Ed Seabough, Ed Sickafus and James Windham.

The Convention President Speaks

Dr. Earl Kelly — our executive secretary and treasurer — is now in full swing of things as our chief officer. He is now moving into his own concept of administration. This is being done after a great deal of research, analysis, and counsel. He is now in the process of installing some of these.

I have said what has been said thus far in order to make an appeal to each person who is a Mississippi Baptist. This is the time we need to give wholehearted support. We need to support this with our affirmative action. Also, we need to support it with our positive words of encouragement and moral support. Above all, we need to pray for it.

I know of nothing I disagree with in this work, but maybe you do. Surely we all know that there are areas of disagreement, but we must recognize the prerogative of a leader. In order for him to be a good leader, there must be fellowship. A loyal, enthusiastic follower makes a good, effective leader. I, for one, want it on my record that I have been a supporter of leadership in helping him do the job he feels our Lord is leading him to do. Many of you feel the same way; therefore, we can see great things ahead for Mississippi Baptists under the leadership of my longtime friend and great servant of God — Dr. Earl Kelly. — David Grant.

Board Buys Camp Property...

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the Kittiwake reserve fund.

Dr. Kelly said that Royal Ambassador camps were conducted each summer previously at Camp Kittiwake at Pass Christian until 1969 when the facilities there were destroyed by Hurricane Camille.

"Since then the camping program has been held on a limited basis in state parks," he continued, "but these are not conducive to a good camping program."

The executive secretary declared that the camp site just purchased had the basic requirements for a good camping program, as follows:

Plenty of space with ample wooded areas, removed from densely populated and resort areas, natural resources for outdoor living experiences, a sufficient source of water.

Dr. Kelly also said that camping facilities there would be constructed over a period of several years, with some funds available from the Kittiwake reserve account, with other funds probably "to be raised."

The Executive Committee is now studying the possibility of using the Camp Kittiwake property for a Baptist Retirement Home but no report has been made or action taken.

Royal Ambassadors is the boys' organization of the Brotherhood and the operation of the camp will be under the supervision of the Brotherhood Department, Rev. E. L. Howell, director, with Paul Harrell, associate, to serve as camp director.

Mr. Howell, in commenting on the acquisition of the new camp site, said "the purchase of this land will make it possible for the Brotherhood Department to implement a more effective camping program by adding new facets of camping, which we have not been able to do heretofore."

"The development of this land will make it possible for the Brotherhood Department to expand and intensify the program of work for Baptist men and boys throughout the state."

In voting to restructure the Convention Board operating organization, based in the new Mississippi Baptist Convention Building in Jackson, two new positions of leadership will be created and two present employees will be transferred and receive new and more appropriate titles.

Program Director Important

One of the two new positions, and

the key one in the reorganization is that of program director, who will have program supervision over the departments that relate to evangelism, missions and program organizations.

The other new position is that of "Church - Minister Relations," and this will be listed among the remaining departments and offices, all of which are directly responsible to the executive secretary - treasurer.

In reference to the "Church - Minister Relations" Department Dr. Kelly said that continuous inquiries from the churches, ministers and other church staff members as well as many other factors indicate an acute need for this service.

He added that the department would provide essentially an information center regarding churches that needed pastors and other workers and ministers and other workers who needed help in getting located.

The executive secretary added that the department would make no recommendations regarding personnel or churches. He said that perhaps later the director would be in position to render counseling services to ministers and other workers who desire it.

Dr. Kelly said that several states in the Southern Baptist Convention have already successfully included a "Church - Minister Relations" Department in their organizations.

Rev. Leon Emery, associate in the Cooperative Missions Department, in charge of church administration promotion, will be transferred to the new program director as a consultant in church administration, and "as soon as feasible a Church Administration Department be created."

Rev. Dennis Conniff, associate in the Sunday School Department, who gives the majority of his time to church architecture promotion, will be transferred to the program director as a "consultant in church architecture."

In commenting on the reorganization, Dr. Kelly said that "this is the first time in many years that there has been a change in the organizational pattern of the Board, and this change has come about, after considerable study, so the Board could achieve optimum results and fulfill its assignment for the honor of Christ."

Continuing, he declared: "The new organizational structure allows delegation down the line and not up so

that the executive secretary - treasurer remains the policy spokesman for the organization while sharing in all decisions down the line."

Organization Simple One

"The new organization is actually a simple one which has only the required number of employees needed and each one responsible to a supervisor."

Dr. Kelly said that the new structure is already in effect and will be implemented when the new program director is elected and takes office.

The Board voted to employ Don McGregor, of Dallas, Texas, owner and editor of a weekly newspaper in nearby Kemp Texas, as associate editor of the Baptist Record, effective Jan. 1, 1975.

Mr. McGregor will replace Rev. Joe Abrams, present associate editor, who is approaching the Board's mandatory retirement age and will officially retire from the Board Dec. 31, 1974.

The Board voted to employ Mr. McGregor as associate editor - elect, effective not later than Oct. 1, 1974, according to Dr. Kelly, "so that there can be an orderly transition of duties, both in the Baptist Record and in the area of public relations, which is also a ministry of this office."

Mr. McGregor has been in his present position about a year, and just prior to that was for two years, editor of the California Southern Baptist.

Earlier, he was on the staff of the Baptist Standard, Texas state Baptist journal in Dallas, for 16 years, with 12 of them as associate editor. He was also on the staff of the Dallas Times - Herald for one year.

He is a native of Waco, Texas and is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, majoring in radio with courses in journalism. He also attended Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

He and Mrs. McGregor have three children, a married son, a married daughter and a son who will be a senior in high school this coming year.

The Board approved a request of the Convention's Board of Ministerial Education that permission be granted to dispose of six ministerial housing units at Clarke College, Newton.

The Board of Ministerial Education said that the removal is possible because of mobile homes that will be made available by the college.

McGregor Accepts Position

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Mr. McGregor is a native of Texas and the son of a Baptist preacher. He is married and has three children; two sons and a daughter, the daughter and one son are married, while the other son is still at home and in high school.

He graduated from Baylor University, majoring in radio, but taking many courses in journalism, including post graduate work in that field. His college career was interrupted, by service in the infantry in World War II, but after the war he returned to Baylor to complete his work.

After graduation he accepted a position with the Dallas Times - Herald in Midland, Texas, and later moved to a position with a radio station in that same city.

Feeling the call of God for Christian vocational service, he left the business world and entered Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. From there he was called to be editorial associate on the staff of the Baptist Standard, the Texas Baptist journal.

After four years with the Standard, he accepted a position on the editorial staff of the Dallas Times - Herald. From that he moved to a position as public relations director for an insurance company.

In 1969 the Baptist Standard called him back as associate editor, a position which he filled for twelve years, working under two editors. In 1971 California Baptists prevailed upon him to accept the editorship of the California Southern Baptist, and he guided that publication for two years. In 1973 he returned to Texas to edit and publish the small town weekly, at Kemp, a suburb of Dallas and it is from that position that he comes to the Baptist Record. He has stated that even though he was back in the secular field of journalism, he still had the conviction that his place was in

religious journalism, and when the Baptist Record position opened he was interested.

Commenting on the retirement of Mr. Abrams and the employment of Mr. McGregor to take his place, Dr. Joe Odle, editor of the Baptist Record, said,

"I am very happy that Mr. McGregor is coming to join the Baptist Record staff. Mr. Abrams has been a part of the staff for more than twenty years, and has made a large contribution both to the quality and also to the ministry of the publication. He also has rendered tremendous service to Mississippi Baptists through his public relations work, especially in news service. We are going to miss him very much when he retires later this year."

"As we contemplated Mr. Abrams' retirement, we knew that it was necessary to replace him with a man with as much training and experience as possible. This is a position which requires a professional. Several names were considered, but when we found that Mr. McGregor was available, I felt that God was truly answering our prayers. He is a man who has had thorough training for the work we want done. Moreover, he already has had long experience with the same responsibility he will have here, on another Baptist publication, and actually has edited still another. His experience with secular newspapers and in the public relations field, make him even better equipped for our task."

"As we began to check on Mr. McGregor's background, and then talked to him personally, I became excited at the possibility of his coming to us. Now that it is settled, and he has been offered the position, and has accepted I am very pleased, and feel that we can look to the future of the Baptist Record, with assurance and confidence. We are losing one good worker, but the Lord has provided another good one to take his place."

World Strategy At Lausanne

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Issue was thrown into the discussion. Herman Ter Welle of the Netherlands said that in certain countries, such as India and Nigeria, governments are taking responsibility for the education of the children. "This means less of a leaning toward church mission schools by families in these lands," he said.

One participant said that trained personnel are urgently needed in India to reach the 260 million youngsters below age 12. Evangelization of youngsters can be pursued through a witness to the family, by the local church and by electronic media, Ter Welle counseled.

In a seminar on evangelization in rural areas, Korean Ki-Sun Cho, a Tokyo pastor, said that almost 60 per cent of Asia's population remain rural peoples. He said that the farm villages are not only given cold treatment politically and economically, but are also neglected in evangelism.

Cho cited one case in Japan to prove the validity of one approach in Christian witness to farm folk. He described how a Christian was relocated in a village and introduced a new method of growing strawberries to the people there, thus improving

the economic standards of the people and winning their respect. He went on to become the village leader and as a result of his witness the whole village virtually turned to Christ.

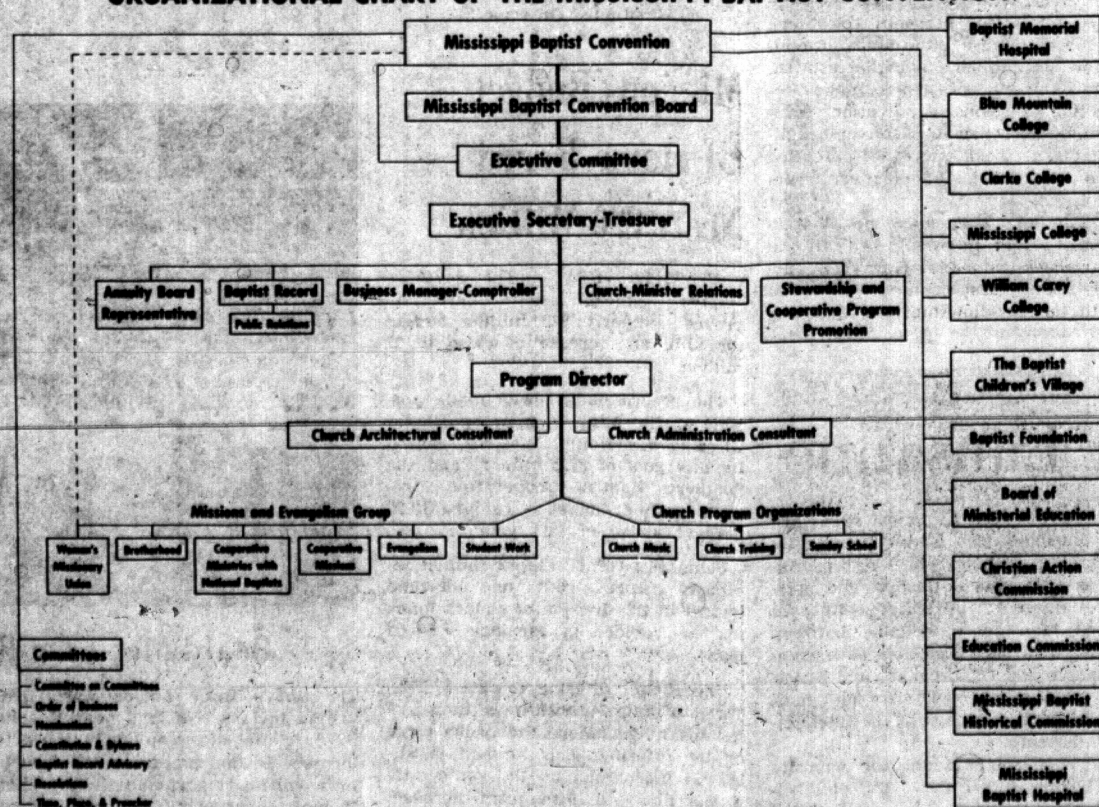
Cho asked for the formation of experts to train rural evangelists and suggested the founding of an Asian Institute to train workers in theology and agricultural technology.

Considering the other side of the coin, a group studying city-wide evangelization heard Latin American evangelist, Luis Palau, assert that a city-wide crusade is most effective when done in union with all or most of the body of Christ. It's particularly effective when a "touch from God" first cleanses, revitalizes and renews the "old believers in the city," Palau said.

He defined city-wide crusade evangelism as the "concerted effort by a group of local churches, preferably on a transdenominational basis, to thoroughly evangelize a city and its surrounding population centers."

The consensus of the participants' opinions was: "We need a Christian presence, living in and among the poor. We need to treat people as persons and apply Jesus Christ to the wholeness of man."

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"vacuum approach." He explained: "Causes are sucked forward by indirection, not by direction." The opposite approach, he said, is the coercive "bulldozer" one, which results in fragmentation and backlash.

Another communication problem stems from the paradoxical Baptist view of oral and written freedom. "We encourage freedom of expression," he declared, "as long as it is oral. . . We've got to find some way to have debates in print like we have

on the platform of the convention."

The BSSB statesman cited the balance on trustee boards as another problem. "We are overweighted ministerially in our leadership positions," Sullivan noted, pointing out that 85% of registered SBC messengers and 66% of all board members are pastors.

He also outlined the difficulty of maintaining theocratic, rather than democratic, principles; the SBC's tendency to assume trustee responsibilities; prejudice against the SBC due to size, particularly in

the Baptist World Alliance; the problem of distinguishing between appearance and reality in denominational controversies; the one-way criticism of leadership — "When you're under attack, you're disqualified from response"; dilemmas caused by federal laws; and the difficulty of handling the number of resolutions and motions presented to the SBC.

Turning to religious education — the main thrust of BSSB work — the 21-year veteran of the board pointed out that, although facts change rapidly from one era to the next, truth does not.

Educators, therefore, must teach pupils how to think, not how to memorize facts, he stated. "If we do not relate truth properly to the modern day learner," he warned. "He's going to be at a total loss to know how to deal with the facts around him."

Also on the program of the five-day conference was Grady C. Cothen, president-elect of the BSSB. The former New Orleans Seminary president, who spoke nightly, focused upon problems of preachers, the meaning of life, and the present "age of classic disillusionment."

Demons, Demons, Demons

To the Editor, The Baptist Record: Dear Sir:

As a missionary and pastor living in Jerusalem I have some difficulty keeping up with discussions going on in Southern Baptist circles but have greatly enjoyed your paper for some time now, despite the fact that it comes about two months after publication due to our slow mails. One of the themes which seems to have been in the air a couple of months ago was that of the film "The Exorcist" and several articles (I have seen only the first so far) by Dr. John Newport on the demonology of the New Testament. I hope my tardy response to this subject is still timely.

My concern with the subject of demons and the demonic comes out of an urgent need some of us have felt here in Jerusalem for some time. The simple fact is that we are facing more and more situations in which the people we come into contact with are troubled by such spirits as those described in the Bible as demons or unclean spirits. And many of these folk are young students who have had more than a passing period of experimentation with drugs and the occult.

One young lady recently baptized by our West Jerusalem Baptist congregation is an American of high intelligence and artistic ability and it was during the stage of discussions with her about baptism that we discovered she had at the age of seventeen, to quote her, "made peace with a something that kept troubling her inside" since the time she had with great fear as a child passed an Indian mound. While praying with her concerning baptism her face darkened and a whining voice in a strange, voluble language came from her throat. Our local Arab pastor spoke to the thing that was troubling her directly during the prayer and insisted in the name of Jesus that it leave her. She was delivered (the only way I can describe the way peace and quiet came over her and she ceased the odd language) and has been quite a joyful person ever since.

This experience and several similar to it have made us feel that altogether too little is understood about the work of Satan in infesting and attempting to violate the freedom of our personalities. We notice from the pages of your magazine that Billy Graham is quoted as hesitant to say much about demonism and quite certain that he will have nothing to do with the film "The Exorcist" and that a similar stance is taken by one of your editorial writers. On the other hand Dr. Newport's first article seems to give rather considerable details about at least the New Testament phenomenon of demons.

What seems lacking in so many of these discussions of demonic powers is an emphasis on the deliverance available to every believer in our Lord Jesus. The same mistake appears in the film. Holly-

wood has hidden the glorious power of Christ by allowing the demon infesting a twelve-year-old girl to kill an old priest and cause a younger one to commit suicide. I understand that the original story from which the book *The Exorcist* was derived showed the power of Jesus to cast out the stinking thing that infested a young boy. It is possible to understand if not justify the moviemakers and bookmakers who like to make a drama more dramatic by expanding the powers of the Devil and his emissaries but we who know Christ know better. The Master has defeated and vanquished Satan and Jesus' power is at hand for everyone who trusts Him to defeat and vanquish the miserable creatures the Devil employs to deceive and oppress us.

Out of a sense of duty I went to see *The Exorcist*, having decided a year or so ago that I did not have time to read the book. I was glad I had come to know more about demonic oppression and Jesus' power to deliver than I would have known a few years ago for it helped me to sort out the real from the improbable which the film mixes for its own reasons. At the same time I felt badly about the great majority of viewers who have no such knowledge.

Still, about a couple of things I could not help but feel the film might have something positive in it. First, the film made it clear that the infested girl had gotten off to her possession through playing innocently with a Ouija Board. Now I am quite sure that the filmmakers were snickering up their sleeves when they included that item but the evidence shows that the interest in the occult with its necromancy, tarot cards, pendulum gadgets, mystical books of Indian lore, horoscope readings and even yoga exercises is very often the point of contact these evil and inferior spirits use to get mastery over people.

Secondly, the film depicts a sweet, pretty little girl's transformation from innocence to sexual madness and malice. I have observed a similar transformation in one young woman although she was not twelve years old but twenty-three. Except for the painted ugliness and some of the other Hollywood exaggerations of the film the basic portrayal fits the kind of thing experience has taught. What seems to me important is that it is extremely difficult to believe that any young person who takes the picture seriously would in his wildest imagination or desire for titillation want to end up like the suffering girl. In other words, I wonder if this film may not have the positive effect, among many that are not positive, of warning many a young person to avoid playing around with occult devices and practices.

I have been told that a number of Christian groups in Sweden are active in handing to the

viewers of *The Exorcist* literature to inform them of the dangers of occult practice. This literature is said to have addresses of churches and counselling clinics where young people who feel they may have been under demonic influence may get help. This seems an excellent way of handling the morbid interest in the short-cuts to the supernatural so many want these days.

Surely more is demanded of Christian leaders today than simply the warning that Christians ought not to see this half-true, half-false film. Some millions have seen the film already and very probably considerable numbers of them have, like the young artist recently baptized, made peace with some troubling "thing" invading them. They need deliverance and this means that Christians everywhere need to find out for themselves how to help such people.

Several years ago the Church of England published a series of findings on this unhappy subject. One of the recommendations of the commission that prepared the published materials was that each Anglican diocese should have a trained exorcist. Perhaps the best study to come out of this increased interest among Christians in England is John Richards' *BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL*, published recently by Darton, Longman and Todd Ltd. in England. I believe every balanced and mature pastor would find it a useful source in helping him understand what he can do to help the increasing numbers of people who are becoming conscious of demonic powers at work.

Another helpful volume is Jack Taylor's *VICTORY OVER THE DEVIL* which was published last year by Broadman. One of the great values of Jack Taylor's book is that he makes it perfectly plain that through hearing the Word of God and resting on the certainty that Jesus has already conquered Satan every Christian can in the Name of Jesus expel any troubling spirit from his imagination, mind, or body. The gift of the Holy Spirit when we come to Christ is precisely to fill up those vacant places where the demonic would come in.

Surely, the time has come for all of us who are actively engaged in calling men to Christ to make explicit why experimentation with occult powers is dangerous and is therefore condemned throughout the Bible. Let us not be content to warn young people of the danger of seeing such films as *The Exorcist* — and it may indeed be harmful to very many of these young people — but let us tell why such a film is only half true and is therefore misleading. Then, with the warning clear and unmistakable, let us go on to teach our people about that victory over the Devil Jack Taylor so well describes.

Thank God, "greater is He that is in" us than "he that is in the world."

R. L. Lindsey, Jerusalem

Macedonia (Union) Has "A New Look"

Macedonia (Union County) recently put a new roof on the building (top photo), bricked the exterior, (second from top) remodeled inside, connected the two buildings with an enclosed walkway, and paved the parking lot. A reburning service was held on "Old-fashioned Day" (bottom photo). Taking part were Dalton Azlin, Troy Cooper, Rev. Leonard Howell, pastor there for four and one-half years, Spurgeon Moody, Clay Gilliam, Norris Robertson, James Shirley, and Leon Wilson. (The parsonage is shown third from top.) A revival begins next Sunday (see "Revival Dates.")

Short-Term Mission Project Initiated For Seminarians

RICHMOND —Students in Southern Baptist seminaries will be able to spend a summer overseas in short-term mission projects beginning in 1975 under a new program approved by the Foreign Mission Board at its July meeting.

The summer missions program will be open to students 20-years-old and under who have completed at least 12 semester hours at a Southern Baptist seminary and plan to return to the campus.

"We would anticipate the larger number of requests coming for persons trained for preaching ministries," said Louis R. Cobbs, secretary of the board's missionary personnel department. "I hope opportunities will develop for students in religious education, music and student work."

The board will pay round-trip travel

expenses, the mission in the host country will provide meals and lodging on the field and the student will pay incidental expenses such as cost of passport, visa, inoculations and meals and lodging en route. The seminarians will receive no salary.

Requests for summer missionaries come from the field. After the summer, the student will prepare a written report and the supervisor of the summer missionary will complete an evaluation of the student.

Following a term of service of approximately eight weeks, the student will return to the United States.

The initial letter will be sent to overseas missions this month and the board will begin receiving applications this fall. To obtain an application, a student should write Cobbs at the Foreign Mission Board, Box 6307, Richmond, Va. 23230, or contact a seminary missions professor.

"Something Good"—Summer Camps At Garaywa

Each summer Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union provides camping experiences for GAs and Acteens.

The summer program, under direction of Marilyn Hopkins, state Acteens director, contains varied learning and recreational activities for those girls who attend.

Thirty college and seminary students this summer served on the Garaywa staff. In describing her feelings about Camp Garaywa and the summer camping program, camp staff member Beverly McClellan expressed it this way:

"Something's been going on at Garaywa this summer. Something good."

"The camp motto reads, 'The mission of Camp Garaywa is missions.' After its eighth week of operation, Garaywa had provided mission opportunities for some 1700 GAs and Acteens. Every facet of summer camp revolved around missions: in study, in activities, in support, in worship and in fellowship."

"Something's been going on at Garaywa . . . in mission study. The study of Southern Baptist mission work in large cities of the world was an integral part of the camp program."

Through activity-centered learning, campers became acquainted with the life-styles, customs, and religions of various peoples around the world. Furloughing missionaries amplified the study with slides, curios, and national dress. Through the use of an Argentine gaucho outfit, Bobby Hood, missionary to Argentina, taught the campers the importance of every Christian being a missionary, and of letting Christ live through them.

"Something's been going on at Garaywa . . . in mission activities. Perhaps one of the most important aspects of camp was the time spent in preparing mission projects. Campers worked daily on chosen assignments from Missions Adventures or Studia materials (individual achievement plans for GAs and Acteens.) Projects included hand puppets and dioramas, or posters which showed through pictures the work of missionaries. Some campers wrote letters to missionaries expressing appreciation for their work, while others interviewed visiting missionaries. Many chose to write a diary of their camp activities. Each week of mission activity culminated with a mission fair where every girl displayed her project.

"Something's been going on at Garaywa . . . in mission support. Campers were taught to participate actively in missions through prayers and offerings. Several opportunities to give money were provided, and campers responded well. Support through prayer was also stressed as campers devoted time praying for specific needs of missionaries."

"Something's been going on at Garaywa . . . in worship. The theme for the camps, 'Something good is going to happen to you. Let God happen,' was very evident in the program. Daily worship experiences led by counselors and visiting missionaries were provided. Each camper spent time alone with God as she developed the habit of personal devotions. A time of intense Bible study provided for the campers' spiritual growth. Often campers were led to make life-affecting decisions of salvation, commitment, or renewal. A spiritual highlight of the week was the campfire when personal testimonies are shared."

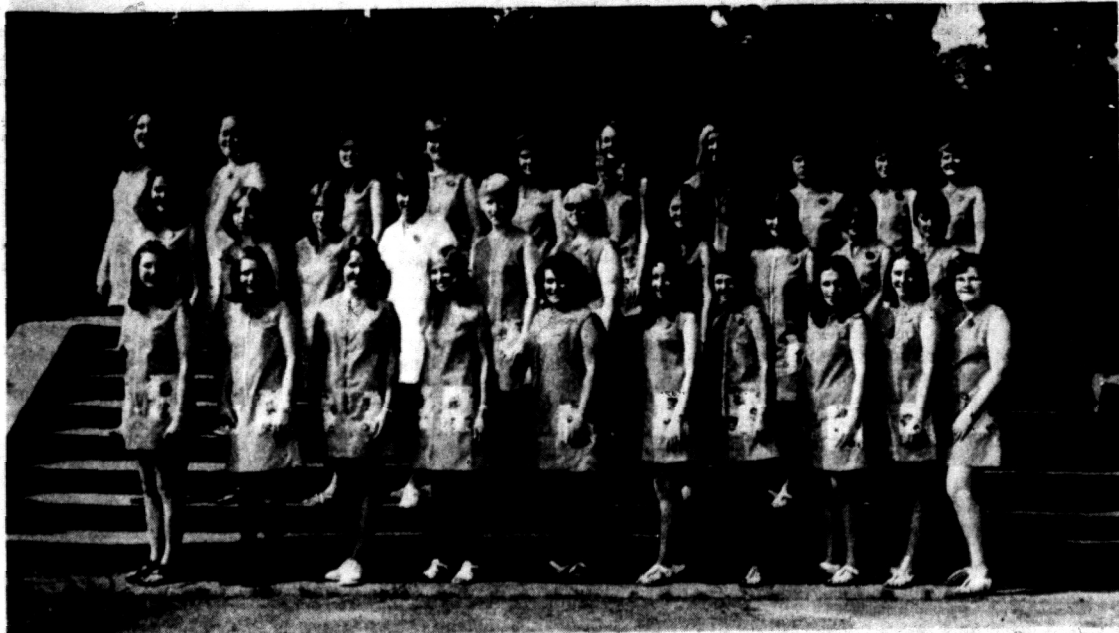
"Something's been going on at Garaywa . . . in fellowship. Of all the experiences gained at Garaywa, probably the longest remembered will be those of fellowship. Participation

in recreation, handicrafts, choir, cookouts, devotions, and cabin cleaning provided lessons in the art of working and communicating with others. The ten to twelve girls, and a counselor, who lived in each cabin,

developed into a working family unit as the week progressed. Many beautiful and lasting relationships were shared at Garaywa among both campers and staff members. Often because of the influence of a counselor

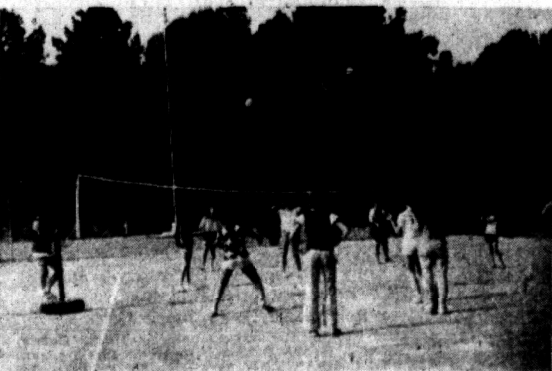
or other staff member, a camper chose to walk closer with God as she developed a stronger faith and trust in Him.

"Something's been going on at Garaywa this summer. Something good."



Thirty college and seminary students have served on the staff at Camp Garaywa this summer. Left to right, front row, Jenness Webb, Julie Riley, Jenny Sanders, Ann Tucker, Lynn Blackmon, Mittlelee Walton, Paula Stringer, Terry Hinds, Debbie Land, Kathy Thomas. Second row, 1. to r., Susan Purvis, Susan Furlow, Lynn

Stone, Barbara Davis, Sharon Peddicord, Beverly McClellan, Leah Baker, Pam Baker, Debbie Underwood, Lori Dean. Third row, 1 to r, Emma Ainsworth, Rose Cefalu, Joanne Myrick, Brenda Henderson, Miriam Wimberly, Sandra Millican, Melany Bingham, Janie Waggoner, Susan Barnett, Marilyn Hopkins, camp director.



Volleyball and softball are two of the recreational activities enjoyed during summer camps.



Mrs. Maurice Graham, home missionary in Kansas City, Missouri, plays the guitar and sings with some of the girls at Garaywa.



Mrs. Wayne Frederick, right, missionary to Guadeloupe, with daughter, Amy, explains customs and tells of customs in Guadeloupe. Acteens Ava Ainsworth and Sarah McCarty and Rev. Holmes Carlisle, associational missionary (Scott) listen with interest.

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EDITORIAL

Day Of Prayer For Associational Missions

The smallest unit in Baptist denominational life is the district association. These were the first organizations into which Baptist churches joined themselves. Later came state and national conventions.

Today there are 1190 associations in the Southern Baptist Convention, and in this convention they are a very important link in the chain of denominational life. There are 76 associations in Mississippi.

The development of associational work in recent years has been one of

the areas of greatest advance in Southern Baptist work. In the beginning, the associations meant little more than a means of fellowship and sharing of witness in annual meetings. From that has developed the broad programs of today which offer numerous ministries to churches of all sizes.

One of the amazing developments has been that of the office of the associational superintendent or director of missions. Forerunner of this office probably was the colporteur, who made good literature available. Then

the associations began to employ men as missionaries to be evangelists, pastors of mission churches, etc. From this has evolved the present program where hundreds of associations all across the Southern Baptist Convention, support a full time missionary, have an associational office or building, and set up associational organizations offering ministries to all churches, and giving direction to the establishment of new work, assisting weak churches, etc. This office is usually maintained with support from the state convention. These men are not bishops, nor do they exercise any authority of any kind over a single church, but they do provide a service and a witness which can aid all churches, and can help unite and correlate the witness of the churches in the area. The superintendent or director works with associational missions committees in setting up programs, establishing missions, and working with the churches, large and small.

Next Sunday, August 4, is Day of Prayer for Associational Missions in Mississippi, and in this issue of the Record we have a feature page on associational work. This has been prepared in cooperation with Dr. Foy Rogers of the Department of Cooperative Missions, the department which works with the associations and the associational superintendents of missions. A number of persons were asked to prepare articles which would give an overview of some of the things done in associational mission programs.

It is our hope and prayer that this special emphasis on associational missions, will help our people all across the state to understand what is being done in this area, so that they can join in prayer for God's continued blessing on the program.

Guest Editorial

Bit Of Ridiculous

John Hurt in Baptist Standard
Nobody we know any longer assigns women to an inferior role. Matter of fact, none we know ever made such an assignment and any who might are smart enough to keep their silence.

Skip any thought we are getting into a theological issue as to woman's role in the church. We're not even backing into any issue at last month's sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention. We're struggling at the moment with whether our reaction is disgust, a smile at the ridiculous or the knowledge we should be about more important things. A bit of the three probably is the choice.

Anyway, here is a news dispatch:
"The Revised Standard Version

translation of the Psalms verse, 'What is man that thou art mindful of him,' may eventually read something like, 'What are people that thou art mindful of them,' as a result of a resolution passed in New York.

"The Division of Education and Ministry of the National Council of Churches, which holds the copyright to the RSV, voted to form a task force to study possible 'sexist' language in the text and suggest alternate words."

A subsequent paragraph explains that "As the women's movement has grown in the churches, protests to biblical or ecclesiastical language cast in the masculine gender have increased."

Can we assume the masculine pronouns for God soon are to go? What else is contemplated?

NEWEST BOOKS

DOES IT REALLY MATTER? by Chester Swor and Scott Cook (Printed by Hodesman Brothers, 91 pp., \$2.50, paper) For this new youth book, the co-authors surveyed college and university students from ten states, seeking relevant information concerning their concerns, experiences, and observations, and asking their suggestions for topics to be discussed. They confined the survey to church-active college and university students because the book was being written "primarily to strengthen the convictions and courage of Christian youth who need to know that most of their problems, desires, and goals are generally shared by other church-active young people of their age; that many other young Christians are playing the game of life honestly and decently; and that the readers of this book, therefore, do not stand alone in their resolution to be unquestionably honest and decent." Because the co-authors themselves discussed the main principles of this book for more than a year, they decided to use the dialogue method of presentation. Various chapters ask: Does it really matter: the vocation I choose? whom I marry? when I marry? that I wait for marriage? if it matters, how can I wait? Do these things matter, too — that I be honest in dishonest situations? that others' opinions influence mine? what other people think of me? that I "intrude" other people's lives? that I try to be good "date bait"? what I believe if I don't hurt anybody? that I abstain from the social drink? that I stay in church? Dr. Swor, a Jacksonian, a graduate and formerly dean of men and teacher at Mississippi College, is well-known as a lecturer and counselor. He has co-authored two previous books for youth, *The Teen-Age Slant* and *Youth at Bat*. Scott Cook, graduate of Murrell High in Jackson, was a senior at Mississippi College, president of the student body and voted "Mr. Mississippi College" while he and Dr. Swor were working on this book. The excellent, youth-appealing photography in the book is by Robert Wall. As usual, when Dr. Swor is the author or co-author, the product is well-written, clearly presented, straight-to-the-point, and of deep spiritual significance.

HIS WAY OUT, A FRESH LOOK AT EXODUS by Bernard L. Ramm (Wegat, 213 pp., pocket book, paper, \$1.45) This is one of a series called a Bible Commentary for laymen. Although Dr. Ramm is one of the great theologians of our day, he is able to write so that the laymen or other untrained students can easily understand his message. This is a splendid small commentary on the book, clearly outlining its purpose and message and interpreting its truths section by section.

THE APPROACH TO PREACHING by William E. Sangster (Baker, 112 pp., paper, \$1.50) Lectures on preaching by one of England's great Methodist preachers of the past generation. He discusses with preachers their preaching and their preparation.

PREACHING FROM THE BIBLE by Andrew W. Blackwood (Baker, paper, 247 pp., \$2.50) Paperback reprint of a book by one of the great theological teachers of our day shows how the preacher how he can use the Bible in a true Bible centered ministry.

MINISTER'S WORKSHOP HANDBOOK by James D. Robertson (Baker, 136 pp., \$2.50) A professor of preaching at Asbury Seminary, the author reveals his ability to guide church leaders in developing a spirit of worship in the various services and activities of the church.

THE CHRISTIAN COUNSELOR'S CASE-BOOK by Jay E. Adams (Baker, paper, 213 pp., \$3.50) This is a workbook for use with the author's volumes *Competent to Counsel* and *The Christian Counselor's Manual*, presents actual cases with sheets for use in developing ways of answering need.

SEVEN WAYS I CAN BETTER SERVE THE LORD by James Robinson (Broadman, 128 pp., pocket book, paper \$1.95) Reprint of an earlier full size volume by one of Southern Baptists flaming, young evangelists. Seven messages such as are preached by this widely used young man in his revival work.

THE DEVIL AND MR. SMITH by Herahel Smith with Dave Hunt (Revel, 132 pp., paper, \$2.95) The story of one man's involvement in and deliverance from Satan worship and the occult. An amazing story of what Satan is doing in some lives today, but a clear picture of the deliverance that is found in Jesus Christ.

COMPETENT MINISTRY: A GUIDE TO EFFECTIVE CONTINUING EDUCATION by Mark Roush (Abingdon, 190 pp., paper, \$3.75) A manual to help ministers who are interested in continuing their education. This is a very practical handbook, showing how lifelong learning can lead to competence and skill in leadership ability. The author shows why such continued education is needed, how to plan for it, and the resources available for it. He also discusses what such continued growth can mean in career development.

VALLEYS AND VISTAS AFTER LOSING LIFE'S PARTNER by David Bogard, (Baker, 94 pp., \$3.95) This is a beautiful book in the way it is printed, but its value is not found in that. Here is the opening of the heart of a man who went through the experience of losing his wife and in this book tells of his feelings, his reactions, and the sources of strength which carried him through the dark hour. In a touching and moving manner, he reveals the heartache, the loneliness, and yet the strength and comfort. He interprets the meaning of marriage and home and love, but also shows what separation and adjustment mean. This is one of the most touching books that I ever have read. It surely will be helpful as a gift to those who have passed through a similar experience.

JEWS FOR JESUS by Moishe Rosen with William Proctor (Revel, 124 pp., \$3.95) The amazing story of what Jesus is doing in the hearts and lives of Jewish people who have found him as the Messiah and Redeemer. This is a revealing story of what is happening in present day Christian witness to the Jew and how that Christ makes Jewish people "completed Jews." Explanation is given of the new techniques being used by Christian Jews in giving their witness to their people.

TOOLS THAT TEACH by J. Melton Wienecke (Baker, paper, 120 pp., \$1.95) This book will be welcomed by many experienced teachers who are always alert for simple, practical pointers that will enable them to do a more effective job. Intricate details are given for the use of such teaching tools as stencils, pegboards, adhesions boards, carpet boards, maps, charts, exhibits, posters, charts, paper mosaics, mobiles, and so on.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Reports On Showing Of "The Enemy" In Jackson Area

Thank you, Brother Odle, for your very effective publicity on the subject of the film "The Enemy" and related letters in the Baptist Record.

The results of the June 29, 1974, showing in the Capri Theatre, Jackson, were as follows:

Dedicated Christian lay leaders and pastors from Jackson, Vicksburg, Yazoo City, Crystal Springs, Brandon, Pearl, Hazlehurst, Clinton, Magee, Louisville, and Florence were present. Included in this number of 112 persons were pastors, ministers of education, ministers of youth, summer youth missionaries to Mexico, teachers, superintendents, and interested members without specific positions of service.

"The Enemy" was shown in Yazoo City by the Calvary Baptist Church there July 14, 1974.

The film is still available for showing by churches by making reservation with David Lanham, P. O. Box 6523, Jackson, Miss. 39212, or by calling Jackson, Mississippi, 372-2281.

David Lanham
Jackson, Miss.

Never Underestimate The Power Of A Woman!

Dear Mr. Odle:

If one woman influenced fifteen thousand messengers at the SBC, what do you suppose a God-called woman could do in a pulpit? Her husband says God does not call women to preach. I have on tape a message in tongues by a Baptist and interpreted by a Baptist. The interpretation is that God is calling men, women and children to be anointed in His Spirit and preach His Word to the people. Think on this: one woman caused Bible reading and prayer stopped in all public schools. Paul put a woman in charge of the churches of Rome.

C. E. Bonnett
Lucedale, Miss.

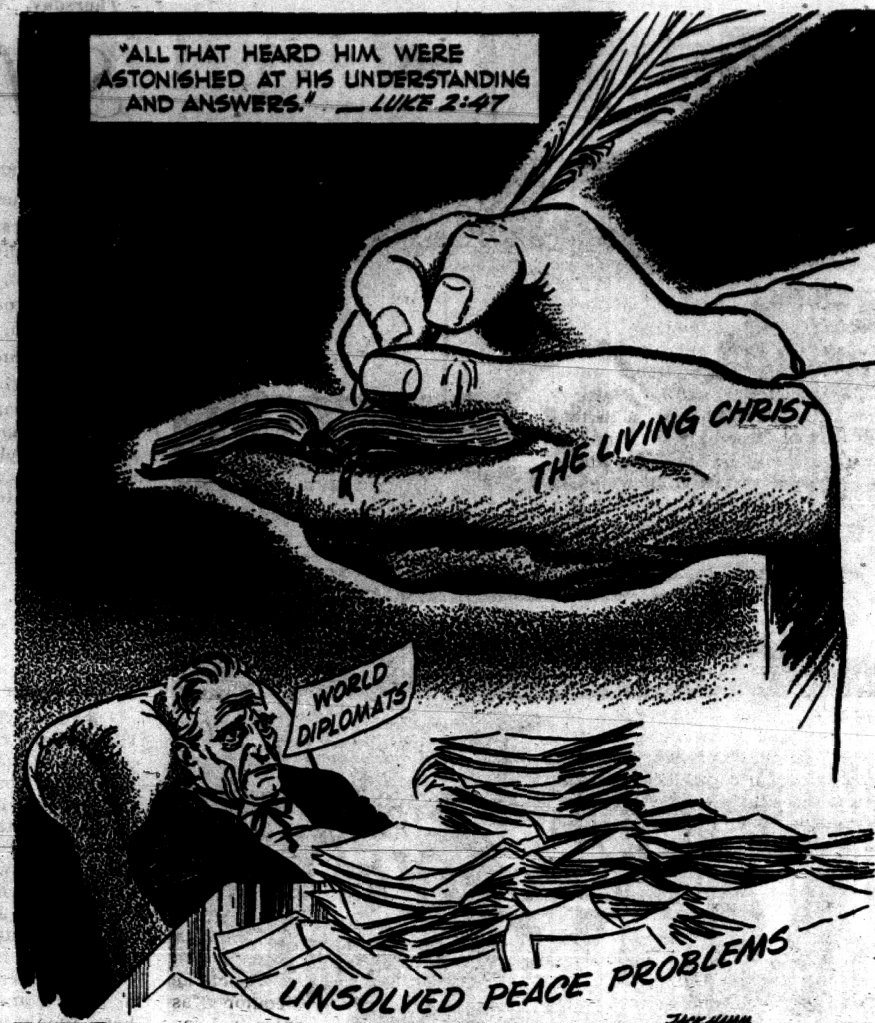
Says He Owes A Debt To Mississippi Baptists

Dear Dr. Odle:

I have just accepted the call to become pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church of Rome, Georgia. I will be returning to my home state. BUT, I could not leave this great state and the Mississippi Baptist Convention without expressing my deep appreciation.

I have been in Mississippi since 1964, when I transferred from Norman College to Mississippi College. I have served two great churches while in Mississippi, Progress Baptist Church out from Magnolia and New Hope Baptist Church, Meridian.

Much of what I am I owe the Baptist people of Mississippi. While in college I was provided encouragement and financial aid by the Mississippi Baptist Convention through its Ministerial Board. Without such help, it would have been difficult for me to have finished. As a pastor, I found the people whom I have served to be open and loving. They were always ready to meet the needs of their pastor and labor along side of him.



Look Up

As I leave the state and convention, I have only one regret, that I won't be here when Gulfshore Assembly is restored. I shall pray the Lord will hasten that day. We need it!

MISSISSIPPI is a great state in which to serve the Lord, and I am grateful that He brought me this way.

Daniel C. Hood
New Hope Baptist Church
Rt. 1, Meridian

Independent Baptist Answers Article In BR

To the Editor:

Your article, "Independents Are Challenge to S. B. C. to Inform People," I believe calls for a rebuttal.

Being an Independent Baptist myself, who used to be a Southern Baptist, I feel I can speak from experience about the issue. You said we tend to attack the "structure and orthodoxy of Southern Baptists; thereby, challenging you to keep your people informed."

Yes, we do attack tight structures which put their eyes on men and off the Word of God. I, with love, however, congratulate you and respect you for your over-all orthodoxy and in general, being a people who want to serve God, and in general being fundamentalists. About "keeping people informed," how can God's people carry out God's work unless they are informed?

As for Mr. Edens' statement concerning the amount of independence in Independent Baptist churches being less than in Convention churches, I would like to know where Mr. Edens obtained his information. I encourage him to look at the over-all picture, and not just one facet of it.

Mr. Edens goes on to say, we as Independents are "bound tightly by fundamental teachings and by a pastor caught up in the same slavery."

When a church is what Christ meant for it to be, it will be fundamental. It will stand for the virgin birth. It will stand for the deity of Christ. It will stand for the blood atonement. It will stand for the total inspiration of the scriptures. It will stand for salvation by grace through faith. It will stand for the pre-millennial return of our Lord. Yes, it will be fundamental. However, these fundamental teachings will not bind them as Mr. Edens says. This is exactly the over-all Independent Baptist stand.

Mr. Edens also spoke of the pastor "caught up in the same 'slavery.'" Being an under-shepherd of the Lord Jesus Christ, we believe the pastor will lead the church as he is directed by the Holy Spirit. He will admonish, he will teach, he will love.

Mr. Edens echoes our emphasis upon evangelism and says we remind you that "the emphasis on evangelism must never be lost" and how true this is. However; Mr. Edens goes on to say the scope and limits of Independent evangelism is "too limited." God forbid that we should ever hold back one iota when it comes to the winning of souls to Jesus. As Jesus said, "The fields are white unto harvest" (John 4:35). God forbid that we should ever fail to give our all to soul-winning and pointing souls to Calvary, thereby having bloody hands when we stand before the Lord.

Mr. Edens also says, "Our stance of withdrawal and separation offers too little positive good in society." May I ask Mr. Edens what the mission of the church is; to please men or God? How could we better society? By compromising and going along with the fads of the day? By standing back, holding our peace, and letting the world go to Hell? God forbid!!! The only way we are going to better society is to change the hearts of the people that make it up. This can only be accomplished by practicing evangelism that is the true to the Word of God. This evangelism is to so present Jesus Christ to sinners that under conviction of the Holy Spirit, they will repent, turn to God, and be saved. This is America's hope; her only hope. God help us to do it.

Mike Perkins
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Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

I found these words on some very yellow slips of paper the other day:

When a ship leaves port, it is of the utmost importance that all of the members of the crew acknowledge the supremacy of the captain. His word is law. To have it otherwise can bring nothing but disaster and mutiny. Only as the sailors, in all their ways, acknowledge him, can the ship drive through storms, sail past the shoals, and come to her port of destination safely.

Our lives are very much like ships on the high seas. They are forever running into storms and are constantly hampered by shoals that would wreck them. There is only one way to avert disaster and that is to acknowledge the right of the supreme Captain of the universe to direct them.

God has a plan for every life. To follow this means victory; to ignore it means failure. What a dreadful thing to awaken at the end of life to find we had missed it! This need not be, for God not only has a plan, but His love makes Him anxious to reveal it. It is for us to find it, and this can be done only as we bring ourselves into oneness with God. Our whole life must be submitted to His will. Then He is able to direct us, and His plans and His purposes become ours. Those things which are at cross purposes with God's plan must be avoided. Sin blocks our vision of God, and we must seek constantly to remove the hindrance of sin. In all our ways we are to acknowledge Him. Jesus said to His disciples "Follow me," and, following Him, they were led into the largeness of life — a life filled with service to God and to others.

As we acknowledge Him, how beautifully we find Him leading! Sometimes He leads us through the beauty spots of life, but not always. Sometimes the way is the way of the cross. If trouble comes our way, we should recognize God as the place of refuge. If losses sweep over our lives, we should remember that the earth is the Lord's. If fear descends upon us like a vulture, we should remember that not a sparrow falls to the ground without His knowledge.

Yes, sometimes the way is the way of the cross, but He is always with us. His courage is given to us, His strength becomes our strength. There is a peace and a joy that cannot be found elsewhere. At length the complete victory is ours because we have acknowledged Him and followed His leading. If we put our trust in Him, He never fails us.

God has a purpose. His purpose is upheld by divine laws. In all our ways we must acknowledge them or be broken. There is no way other than His way.

The reason the slips of paper on which the above words were found was yellow was that I had written them during my freshman days at Mississippi College, and that's been long enough ago to yellow any paper that didn't have about a twenty-eight-year guarantee!

As I re-read them, I thought, How marvelous, here half of my life later, to find that those words have proven good enough to live by, and I was thankful all over again for the constancy of God.

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August 4 Is Day Of Prayer For Associational Missions

By Foy Rogers, Director,
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MBCB

There are 42 "real live" world missionaries serving in 57 Baptist associations in Mississippi. These are the superintendents of missions who work the many associational missions as discussed on this page.

August 4 has been set aside as a day to emphasize associational missions. Many churches will be focusing associational missions through the day school assembly, Church training assemblies, and in their prayer meeting services following or before that Sunday. We would hope the pastor would give a strong emphasis to this ministry on August 4 or some other Sunday, whichever is more convenient.

The Missionaries' Work

These men carry the burden of evangelism of work being sponsored by their Baptists. Their marching orders are the Great Commission. Not only do we find them carrying the burden of all the churches, but also the burden of world missions as it is promoted through our convention.

Planning is a vital part of their work. They plan emphases in the associations that will assist the churches in outreach, in mission involvement, in mission support, in church development and growth, in personal spiritual development, and in leadership improvement. They assist in planning effective and appropriate programs for meetings sponsored by associations, and work closely with associational officers. They lead in making a study of the association to ascertain what needs to be done, in determining programs to be sponsored, helping train the people responsible for carrying out these programs. They serve effectively in keeping

Metropolitan Work

Mission Ministries Multiply As Gulf Coast Grows

By J. W. Brister
Supt. of Missions
Gulf Coast Association

The challenges of metropolitan associational mission work along the Gulf Coast are many and varied. Outreach opportunities are not limited to the local church field but are statewide, nationwide, and even worldwide. Population growth in the area has been astounding for the past several years. What is even more astounding is the fact that the population is expected to double again in the next twenty years. From Waveland to Ocean Springs is one continuous city, miles across. Ocean Springs and Escalante are rapidly becoming one continuous city. In the not too distant future it will be 75 miles across the

ing before the churches resources, both materials and personnel. They give special attention to areas where there are groups of unchurched people.

A great deal of counseling is done by these men, but always with the understanding that they are not to take the pastor's role in this ministry. They utilize services offered by the state convention and SBC agencies in promoting more effective work. They are deeply concerned when they note that some churches in their associations do not report any baptisms and mission gifts during the year, because they know that these two things are vital to a healthy church.

Language Groups

Riverside Gives Information, Inspiration, Assistance

By Danny L. Prater
Superintendent of Missions
Riverside

The objectives of the missions program of Riverside Association can be defined in the terms of information, inspiration, challenge and assistance. To accomplish these, the association maintains an adequately equipped associational office and center in Lyon. A full-time superintendent of missions directs and coordinates the total missions program. A bimonthly newsletter is sent to pastors and key leaders in the local churches, to help keep them informed in regard to the associational work, plans and programs. The superintendent of missions is

They are available to assist churches in a crisis, but not to interfere or meddle in the affairs of a church and pastor relationship. They are the most knowledgeable men in the Southern Baptist life concerning the total ministries and programs sponsored by the convention agencies.

Institutional missions requires a great deal of their time. Thus, they are concerned about jails, nursing homes, hospitals, and other institutions having appropriate ministries. Of course, they endeavor to enlist a church to sponsor this work and deal tactfully with the pastor in setting it up.

Goodwill centers are set up in some

available to the churches to preach, to teach, to lead, to assist, and to serve. He is able to counsel with building committees, finance committees and other groups within a church seeking information regarding the strengthening of the local church.

Through the gifts of the churches the association operates its missions program on a total budget of nearly \$20,000. This budget represents a full-time superintendent of missions, a part-time secretary, support for a worker among the Spanish-speaking people of the association, promotion of various activities, equipment and

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of the associations, and they use these services to support the churches in their outreach. New missions also require a good bit of their time. For a long time we have said that we do not need any new missions in Mississippi; however, this is not the case, because there are needs for new missions in every association — maybe not in every community, but in every association. Some of the associations are ministering to agricultural people who move quite often. Many of these people do not feel at home in our present churches.

Some are ministering to language groups, and reaching a good number of Chinese, Mexicans, Indians, and deaf.

The rural church claims a great deal of the missionary's attention. These churches face problems of resources, finances, leadership, and in many instances facilities. Twelve percent of the rural churches do not have pastors, and this affords an opportunity for the missionary to serve, not in trying to place the pastors so much as to assist the church in knowing how to go about securing the services of a pastor. Usually the missionary waits until he is called upon to offer his assistance.

Mission Vacation Bible Schools, stewardship programs, Church Training, Sunday School enlargement, mission outreach of Brotherhood and WMU, music training — all are vital to the work of a church, and the superintendent of missions is conscious of these opportunities to serve.

Many aged need attention, and the missionary is constantly concerned, too, about the churches ministering to the lonely, the invalids or the shut-ins, etc. He is also concerned about the youth. Many of the young people get in trouble and are called before the juvenile judge. (Several as-

sociations in Mississippi have set up workers to serve as a liaison between the courts and the churches.)

These men are always looking for an opportunity to promote the Cooperative Program. They seldom miss

a chance to speak a word about associational missions, a superintendent of missions, or just plain associational missionary, is probably the only real world missionary in our convention. (Continued On Page 6)

DAY OF PRAYER FOR

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

DATE: August 4

Rural Area

"On Mission" In Pontotoc County

By J. C. Mitchell
Superintendent of Missions
Pontotoc County

A Southern Baptist missionary serving in Paris, France was on furlough and was participating in an associational world missions conference in Mississippi. As he talked with a group of associational superintendents of missions about their work he remarked, "You men are doing essentially the same things here that I am doing in my work in France." This statement points up the fact that associational missions is a valid and vital part of the total world mission outreach. Involvement in the mission task is not determined by where you are but by what you are doing.

Pontotoc County Baptist Association is an example of churches on mission in their setting. They work in their particular circumstance and location, and in accordance with their opportunities and resources, but they are surely on mission. Forty-two churches comprise the fellowship of Pontotoc County Baptist Association which has existed in its present organization since 1919. These churches share cooperatively in support of a local mission program which is varied in application and growing in

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Lee County Bible Study

Missionary Teaches Firemen

Rev. W. Harold Anderson, supt. of missions for Lee County Association, has been teaching the Sunday School lesson to the firemen at Station 2 in Tupelo for twelve years. After the city built two new stations the firemen were changed to different stations and at their request he began teaching the lesson at two other stations. Presently the lesson is taught at Station One by a representative of the Calvary Church. In these periods of teaching, the Bible is the center

of the thought.

The Harrisburg Church provides the books, "On The Wing," for the study. Presently three men are on duty each Sunday at each station.

Mr. Anderson begins the first class at 8 o'clock each Sunday morning and is able to go to any church in the county for the morning worship. Often he speaks at an early Brotherhood meeting before going for the classes. Many Sundays he is in five services for the day.



Ronnie Garrett, Billy Francis, Jack Box, and W. Harold Anderson study the Bible at Firestation No. 2 at Tupelo.

Developing Area

DeSoto Uses Mobile Chapels To Begin New Missions

By Ervin Brown
Superintendent of Missions
DeSoto County

In our 1973 annual meeting, three churches were voted into our fellowship. . . the state of Mississippi only a net gain of four churches last year. . . and recently in our annual executive committee meeting, July . . . two other churches, Church Road church and Twin Lakes Church, were voted into our fellowship under watchcare until the annual meeting this October.

(The Twin Lakes church was a mission sponsored by Colonial Hills, . . . constituted, June, 23, 1974. This mission met for its first service in the "Mississippi Baptist

Convention Board" owned mobile chapel in Twin Lakes community, Dec. 2, 1973. . . now has over 50 members and a pulpit committee looking for a pastor, making plans for their first building. This is the second church started in this mobile chapel . . . the first was Parkway, Hernando.

The Church Road church is the former Westwood, in Memphis, which has moved into our county and is now a part of our fellowship. Rev. James Moore, pastor. One of the best "mission tools" we know about is the mobile chapel. Our own association now owns four . . . and could use two more right now!

We have two urgent mission needs at this time. . . both happen to be out

of the great growing edge of DeSoto County. . . but still great needs. Fairhaven Church, Rev. Jackie Cooke,



Old store building in Ingram Mills community, (DeSoto) about a 20 minute drive to the fast growing Holiday Inns Industrial Park. The Assn. Missions Committee will ask the Fairhaven Church to sponsor a mission, starting in this old store.

pastor, will sponsor a mission in the Ingram Mills community, in southeast DeSoto County. . . a 3-acre site

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Crossing Cultural Lines

Scott Shares In Chapels And Backyard Bible Clubs

By Holmes Carlisle
Superintendent of Missions
Scott County

In some ways missions is crossing barriers to take the gospel to those on the other side. There are different kinds of barriers. Examples include barriers of geography, language, and culture.

When cultural differences exist, they are real barriers. They are as effective hindrances as any of the others.

In Scott County there are cultural differences that exist between population segments. Perhaps these differences are seen in no other area more clearly than in the area of religion. We recognize a responsibility to get on the other side of this barrier in order to share the gospel. If some do not feel comfortable in the forms of worship in the places where we worship, we must then go where they are and try to meet them there.

In Scott County this is being done in several ways. The most notable way is through a chapel-type ministry.

These may lack many of the more refined elements, but the place is not the primary goal and certainly is not a condition of outreach that shows love and concern.

The Home Mission Board, SBC, and many departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board have helped in the work. They have provided leadership in studies to help

make us aware of the nature of needs for this type of ministry. They have given valuable instruction in ways to respond to these needs. They have greatly encouraged at every step of the programs. They have provided financial and physical resources. In particular the Home Mission Board helped us to secure two buildings to use as chapels. The HMB and the Cooperative Missions Department of the MBCB help in salary supplement for a mission pastor.

Most of the work is sponsored by East Morton Baptist Church. The association cooperates to add support. Other churches have an increasing concern for and involvement in work in their community.

Programs of ministry currently include such things as an ongoing Bible study and worship service in the three chapels, a summer program of Backyard Bible Clubs, a day camping program for those enrolled in the Bible Clubs, and a day camp for physically and mentally handicapped children with counselling sessions for their parents.



A Bible study group in Chapel No. 3 used materials and procedures of the Backyard Bible Club. Mrs. Clarence Burnham (standing top far right) was director.

Names In The News

Dr. Brian L. Harbour, pastor of Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, has had a sermon entered in the Congressional Record by Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina. The sermon entitled, "God's Prescription for Post-Watergate America" reminds of the price of our freedom, and the need to temper it with responsibility, humility, faith, and integrity. The sermon was preached at Colonial Heights on Christian Citizenship Day, June 30.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Wayne Frederick, missionaries to the Leeward Islands on furlough, may be addressed at 3331 Old Canton Road, Jackson, Miss. 39218.

Rev. Billy Ray Therrell is the new pastor of Carson Church at Carson, having moved there from Hebron Church in Yazoo County. Former pastors were in Jeff Davis, Copiah, and Yazoo. Mr. Therrell is married to the former Darlene Walker of Braxton. They have one child, Charity Darlene, four. Having received his education from Clarke and MC, he plans to continue his studies this fall.

George McGaha, member and deacon of Arkabutla Church (Tate), has not missed Sunday School in almost 17 years and hasn't missed Church Training in over 12 years. His pastor, Rev. Jimmy Carr, states that he is a dedicated Christian in his business, and in community service, as well as in his devotion to God and his church.



Larry Scarborough was licensed to preach by Red Banks Church on May 19. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Scarborough of Byhalia, he will be a senior at University of Mississippi this fall. Above left, Larry receives the certificate of license from the Red Banks pastor, Rev. Homer Worsham.

Dr. Joseph M. Ernest, Carey vice-president, was presented the Hannah Award during a recent meeting of the Hattiesburg Rotary Club. Named as Outstanding Rotarian of the Year for the local chapter, Dr. Ernest was out of town when the award was first announced last week.

Woman's Missionary Union will hold its annual summer conference at Ridgecrest on August 19. Among the leaders to serve in 117 different methods conferences will be two Mississippians. Mrs. Jim McCaleb, Hattiesburg, will demonstrate how to conduct the October Baptist Women meeting. Mrs. Frances Shaw, Jackson, Baptist Young Women director for Mississippi WMU, will lead a conference for Baptist Young Women presidents.

Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, honored four staff members on Sunday evening, July 21. Within a six-week period these four, Bill Barnes, Patsy Keeler, Dale Oden, and Jean Singletary, are celebrating anniversaries of service to the church. Jean, financial secretary, 15 years; Dale, minister of education, four years; Patsy, staff secretary, two years; Bill, minister of music, one year. The church presented to all of these some gifts of appreciation and held a reception in this honor. Rev. Charles Gentry is the pastor.



THE FOUR YOUNG MEN IN THE PICTURE have recently surrendered to the ministry. They are (left to right) Jerry Sanford, ministerial student at Mississippi College; Malcolm Still, church recreation director major at New Orleans Seminary; Jerry Watts, ministerial student at Blue Mountain; and Danny Estes, ministerial student at Blue Mountain. Rev. William F. Evans, pastor of First Church, New Albany is seated. This makes a total of six young men in church-related vocations from the church.

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tion. He is available to help a church in a crisis. He is always ready to answer questions concerning his denomination. He is on the lookout for opportunities to promote missions through the special seasons of prayer for foreign, home, and state missions; associational missions and local church missions. He offers encouragement to pastors and church leaders in securing training for their work. He promotes the assembly programs, Annuity Board program, Baptist Foundation, and other interests of the Southern Baptist Convention. Let us pray for these world missionaries and support them in every way that we can.

HOW THE CHURCHES CAN SUPPORT THESE WORLD MISSIONARIES

Certainly the missionary needs encouragement every day, for none of us gets to the point where encouragement will not help.

He needs your prayers. He needs your support financially and personally. He needs your help not only in building fellowship but enlarging the Christian fellowship among the churches.

Many larger churches could do wonders by offering assistance to the struggling churches in their area and at the same time, many smaller churches would do well to offer encouragement to the larger churches.

Many times there are needs for churches to sponsor some type of

ministry. This is a wide open field where churches can assist the missionary.

The training opportunities are for all the people, and this needs to be publicized and made known in every church. The pastor could invite the missionary to some particular service to tell the people about his work. Dr. J. B. Lawrence said, "Trust the Lord and tell the people." When our Baptist people know the facts, they will do the right thing.

Above all, the greatest need is prayerful support, because without God's guidance all would be in vain.

You can give your support through informing your people, through participating in opportunities available through your association, through prayerful support of your association, by encouraging your missionary and giving a portion of your budget, possibly on a percentage basis — usually 3-5% of your undesignated gifts — into the associational work. Then, some key members of your church might serve effectively in the associational organizations. This necessitates training and work, but this, too, is missions.

So, again we say, pray for your missionary, pray for your voluntary officers, encourage all of these officers, along with your missionary and his staff, and don't forget them when programs are being sponsored by your association. When the need arises, rally to that need and meet it for the glory of God.

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has already been spoken for... in a good location... and a small, abandoned old store has been obtained to begin services in. WE NEED... about \$15,000 to buy the site... and, very urgent, another mobile chapel, as soon as possible. The old store can be used until cold weather. This is a growing area... we need to get our "toe in the door" now!! This community is less than a 20 minute drive from the new growing Holiday Inn Industrial Park, in Olive Branch.

The other urgent need... in the Love community, south of Hernando! The Hernando church has a Missions

Summer Pastor's Wife Hurt In Car Wreck

Mrs. Aurelia Bagwell, wife of pastor Charles M. Bagwell of Sumner Church, is in Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, following an automobile accident near Webb on Friday night, July 26.

She received internal injuries as well as leg injuries, and on Monday her condition still was reported as serious.

Her husband, Charles, was not injured, and neither was the daughter, Emily. Another passenger, Mrs. H. H. Dogan, did receive injuries and is in the Clarksdale hospital.

"On Mission" In Pontotoc

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scope.

The churches of our association are relatively small in membership, averaging 153 resident members per church. The smallest membership is 29 and the largest is 789. Missions in the early New Testament concept was devoted in a major way to encouraging and strengthening the existing churches (Acts 15:41; 18:23). Church development and church encouragement form a major thrust of our local mission program. This is not to say that the churches of our association are weaker or have more needs than other Southern Baptist churches. It is simply that we recognize a mutual responsibility of caring for one another. We find in our local mission program many opportunities for planning activities and providing resources to strengthen the churches. To state it negatively, many of the opportunities for church development now available would not be there if we had no associational mission program.

We believe that associational missions is not just what the superintendent of missions does, but what the churches do as they are on mission together in our association. Therefore, our associational mission program is designed to assist the churches in their work. One means of accomplishing this is through providing resources that individual churches might not provide for themselves, either because they cannot or because they have not yet seen the need. Though not yet a fully developed media center, the associational missions office does house a resource center from which materials are available for church use. A book library, a filmstrip library and cassette tape library are being continually expanded. The cassette tapes are the newest addition and include sermons, Bible studies, training aids, world mission emphases and music.

Another resource provided by the association is a facility which is being developed for day camps, prayer retreats, church picnics and other such activities. A pavilion has been constructed on associational owned property, and some additional future development is planned.

Through the associational mission program the churches have an opportunity to minister. An associational

Goodwill Center, directed by the superintendent of missions, collects good used clothing from the churches and distributes them to those who have need. Many times we receive referrals from the churches, and at times from the welfare department and other agencies. The Center also houses a number of hospital beds that are loaned without cost to those who need them. The Goodwill Center operation has opened doors for spiritual ministry as we have had opportunity to witness in love to those who are helped. The ministry also provides opportunities for distribution of Scripture and other church-related literature. Last year 23 New Testaments and numerous tracts and Scripture portions were distributed. As much as we can, we seek to maintain contact with those who are assisted through the Center, hoping to link their lives to one of the churches so that a continuing resource of spiritual ministry will be established.

As the churches of Pontotoc Association have been made aware of the above named associational mission ministries, and others as well, they have readily and increasingly supported the work through their finances, their prayers and their personal participation. They are churches on mission... in the association.

Grenada-Yalobusha Association

Resort Ministry At Grenada Lake

"What's he want?" "I bet he is collecting for something!" "I wonder what he is selling." Such comments as these are often heard as one approaches a camp site at Grenada Lake. But why would one be going to a camp site there?

Each Saturday Mike Thrower goes from group to group at Grenada Lake and welcomes them to the Grenada area. But what is his real purpose? He wants to take the good news of the Lord to them. He wants to invite them to a worship service. A student at New Orleans Seminary, he ministers at Grenada Lake in the summer.

Each Sunday morning between Memorial Day and Labor Day at 9 o'clock a short worship service is held at the lake for the campers. Saturday is spent visiting, the campers and distributing tracts. One of these tracts was especially designed for the work on Grenada Lake.

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are afforded along the Gulf Coast. First, there is the tourist ministry. Thousands from over the state and over our nation come to the beaches of the Gulf Coast for vacation time. The camping facilities at Red Gap Lake at Wiggins furnishes a year round opportunity for home mission work. The fishing rodeos along the coast in the summertime draw thousands of people from as far away as Canada. But the mission responsibilities do not stop here. The ports of Gulfport and Pascagoula bring hundreds of sailors from countries around the world to the area's front door every day. Students from more than 45 countries around the world receive military training at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, affording a mission opportunity with international students unequal to any other association in the state.

As the metropolitan area grows so do the problems that plague metropolitan areas. There is a growing number of elderly, who will need to be ministered to by churches of the area. Juvenile delinquency along the Gulf Coast is growing at an alarming rate. Because of past rapport with the black people along the coast,

there is tremendous opportunity in working with the black churches and people. In Jackson county alone, 4500 Indians have come to work in the shipyards of Pascagoula.

The churches of the Gulf Coast Association are meeting the challenge. The area covered by the Gulf Coast Association also houses over 60% of the Roman Catholic population of the state. However, in 1950 Baptists were only 7.9% of the total population. By 1960 they had grown to 11.7% of the population and in 1970 they had grown to 15.7% of the population. Even though the population has increased over 50% in the last 20 years, Southern Baptists have increased over 180%. If Baptists continue their rate of growth in this association by the year 2000 they will be over 50% of the total population.

To meet these needs, hours and hours will be spent in planning, praying, training and just plain hard work. The association is seeking to help meet the need of trained workers by offering more than 30 training classes in various areas of work so far this year. The churches are responding. They have more than doubled their contributions to associational missions in the past five years. A Baptist Center has been constructed to house the association office. One new mission has begun this year. Another will be started by September and the third in November. Contact is being made at the present with the Home Mission Board to assist with an additional staff member to head the port ministry and in 1975 an additional staff member to help in field work with special ministries (elderly, juveniles, international students, ethnic groups, military, etc.).

The Mississippi Baptist Convention is also helping by providing a mobile chapel in which missions can be started. Opportunities for training for the directors of metropolitan missions afforded by the Mississippi Baptist Convention have been most helpful. Metropolitan missions workers are happy to be a part of the Mississippi mission team.

If a person is a socialist or a Communist, I will know it in twenty-four hours; if he is a member of a labor union, I will know it within a few days; but if he is a member of a Christian church, it may be years before I learn of it. — Hughes Wagener

Galilee, First At Gloster Reaches Age 150

One hundred fifty years ago on August 14, 1824, the Galilee First Baptist Church in Gloster was constituted. The present congregation of this historic church has designated Sunday, August 11, as a day of special memory and celebration.

The pastor, Rev. J. Millard Purl, and members of the Galilee First Baptist Church, cordially invite you for any or all of the celebration from 9:45 a.m. to approximately 2:30 p.m. In the morning Sunday School will be at the regular time. At 11 o'clock, Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will deliver the message.

At noon dinner will be served in the fellowship hall. In the afternoon there will be a program which will give some of the historical highlights

Riverside Gives Information...

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supplies, and maintenance of both the associational office and home for the superintendent of missions.

The Riverside Association serves the churches in Coahoma and Tunica counties in the Mississippi delta. Its missions program is geared to both the rural and the urban church.

A growing and vital part of the total missions program is language missions. Riverside has the unique opportunity to minister to a large Chinese community in Clarksdale and to a large number of Spanish-speaking people located both north and south of Clarksdale.

The groundwork is already being done to begin a work among the Chinese. An effort will be made to provide the type of worship experience and opportunities that will be both a positive witness for Christ and promote spiritual growth.

Work among the Spanish-speaking people is already underway. Rev. Herbert Retta, who is supported in part by Riverside Association, provides direction and guidance in the work. Besides the personal witnessing and counseling of Mr. Retta, a combined sewing — Bible study class meets each Thursday in the Lyon Church. Provision is made to teach the basic skills of sewing, to provide a meaningful Bible study and to involve preschoolers and children in study and play. Each Thursday night a group meets in the Lula Church for worship and fellowship.

Because of the varied groups in the association, a special conference on Interfaith Witness has been scheduled for this fall. Working with the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board, training and guidance will be offered to the churches and the people.

Yes, the missionary spirit is alive and well in Riverside Baptist Association!

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enrollment of 206 pre-school children from age 2 to 6 years. A faculty and staff of 17 workers are employed. Mrs. Connie Rudd, the director, has been with the Center for 20 years.

In addition to a day care center for the children of working mothers, the following activities are provided:

1. Weekly Bible classes for children of ages 6 to 16.
2. Weekly Bible classes for parents and Christian leaders.
3. Two Vacation Bible Schools — one at Christmas and one in the summer.
4. The Center provides a place for fellowship supports, teas, and special associational and convention meetings. This has brought unity, good relationship and a better understanding between groups in the Negro community.

"Silver Tree" Given Pastor On Silver Anniversary

The members of Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson, honored their pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Wilson Winstead, with a reception June 19 in honor of their Silver Wedding Anniversary. Helping them greet the members of the church and their many friends were their children — Mr. and Mrs. Dan (Bobbie Faye) Wynn; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wayne (Linda) McGraw; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Winstead; Mr. and Mrs. Larry (Betty) Patrick.

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of the church.
Rev. J. Millard Purl is pastor; Gordon Nettterville is chairman of deacons.

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A Church Threatened By False Teaching

Colossians 1:1-14; 2:1-7; 4:7-18

By Clifton J. Allen

Colossians is another of the so-called "prison letters" — written by Paul while he was in prison in Rome. Likely the church came into being as a result of the evangelistic efforts by Paul's companions during his three-year ministry in Ephesus. The occasion for the letter was the news brought by Epaphras to Paul in Rome that the church was being threatened by false teaching, particularly teaching which exalted angel worship, ascetic practices, strict rules about religious duty, and a false intellectualism. Paul's letter is a forthright attack on heretical concepts, a vigorous exposition of the preeminence and adequacy of Christ, and a convincing challenge to the believers to match their commitment to Christ with Christian conduct, both in personal living and in social relationships. The four lessons from this brief letter should equip Christians now with in-

sights and convictions to withstand seriously hurtful ideas threatening modern churches.

The Lesson Explained
Letter to the Colossian Saints
Verses 1-2

This brief salutation, including both signature and greeting, is essentially the same as in other letters of Paul. However, he emphasizes that he is an apostle by the will of God, which fact added authority to his message. Paul calls the believers saints. His reference to them as "faithful brethren" suggests that they had not yielded to false teaching. Grace and peace, rightly understood, are expressive of the noblest blessings to wish for other Christians.

The heresy being propagated in Colossae had both Jewish and pagan elements. It signified a false philosophy, a false concept of piety, a false view of Jesus Christ, and a false view of salvation. The great danger to the Colossian church was that some of the Christians were turning from Christ to ideas and concepts appealing to pride but utterly void of redemptive grace.

Thanksgiving For Faith and Love

Verses 3-8

With tact but with deep sincerity, Paul began his letter telling the Colossian Christians of his prayerful interest in them and especially of his thanksgiving for their faith and love, about which he had doubtless learned from Epaphras. Their faith was anchored in Christ Jesus, and their love was inclusive of all the saints. Both their faith and their love were the foundation of their hope laid up in heaven. Paul could say — at least by hyperbole — that the whole world had heard the message and that it was bearing fruit as it had done in Colossae. Paul's reference to Epaphras implies definitely that he was the founder of the church in Colossae. But here Paul pays tribute to him as a fellow servant, one greatly beloved, and a faithful minister of Christ. Epaphras had told Paul the bad news about heresy in the church but also the good news about the people's love for Paul and for one another. Paul could express fervent gratitude for those who were demonstrating their faith, hope, and love.

Prayer For Knowledge And Wisdom
Verses 9-14

Paul could match anyone of the false teachers in Colossae in magnifying knowledge, but it was not esoteric knowledge restricted to sophisticated intellectuals. He prayed that all the believers might be filled with knowledge of the will of God, knowledge marked by humility and spiritual wisdom, knowledge that would be productive of humility and good works in the Christian life. Thus the outcome in the life of a Christian would be nobler character, stronger faith, and a more effective witness for Christ. Paul added to his prayer a petition that the Christians be strengthened with adequate power for victorious living. Moral strength is necessary to overcoming temptation, doing what we know to be right, and enduring trials and hard experiences with patience and joy. As Paul concluded his prayer, he summed up in a profound and comprehensive declaration the saving work of God in Christ: he delivered us from the dominion of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of his Son, in whom we have redemption, even the forgiveness of our sins.

We Can Trust The Lord Always

Psalms 23

By Bill Duncan

What is the most popular passage of scripture in the Bible? The Psalm 23 would surely be among the top.

Here in a clear, simple, forceful language, God's care is shown to a needy world. It is the inspiring picture of God in all his goodness and glory that accounts for the memorable quality of the passage. God is not remote, unapproachable, withdrawn, or inaccessible, but he is my Shepherd, he is my Guide, and he is my Host.

The psalmist spoke of the Lord as the Shepherd. There are those passages in the New Testament that refer to the Lord Jesus Christ as the Shepherd. Hebrews 13:20 says he is that Great Shepherd. John 10:14 says he is the good Shepherd. Peter 2:25 says he is the chief Shepherd. How glorious a thing that he is my Shepherd. For this means that we are in his flock.

There are those who profess to be sheep who are not. The Lord himself drew a distinction between people who are sheep and those who are goats. By faith in Jesus Christ that brings salvation, a lost person can receive a new nature and become a Psalm 23:1 says, "The people of his pasture, the sheep of his hand."

When one is in the flock of the Lord, there is a secure feeling and position — for we can truly trust the Lord always.

The outline of this beautiful passage is by Guy King and taken from his book *Brought In*.

THE SHEEP'S PROVISION

When a person is in His flock there is provided for him, "all that I want." (1) Because "the Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want." He supplies my material needs. My daily bread, my forgiveness and even my rest comes from His hand. A person can trust the Lord to provide all of his needs so that a "sheep can lay down 'satisfied with sufficiency.'" The Shepherd leads the sheep beside the still waters. The sheep will not drink from rushing streams but are frightened by them. The shepherd even prepares a banquet meal in the presence of the sheep's enemies. Yes, the sheep have enemies but nothing prevents the evening meal.

One little girl was saying the 23rd Psalm and instead of saying "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want," she burst out with "The Lord is my Shepherd, that's all I want." How many times we have found comfort from our distresses and sorrows in the idea that he is all I want.

When a person is in the flock, there is provided for him "more than I want." "My cup runneth over." He is not only sufficient for me, but I have an overflow to pass on to others. There is only one thing to be done with the extra of the Lord's blessing when there is not enough room in our own heart and that is to spill it over to others, not to waste it but share it. With such an assurance of God's grace upon us, we need to

pray for an enlarged capacity and that many others will be blessed through our overflow. John said, "Out of him shall flow rivers of living waters."

God has provided an exceeding abundance of provision for us who are his sheep.

THE SHEEP'S PROTECTION

We can trust the Lord to give us protection from anything that would do any manner of harm to us. We are not self-sufficient. We need His help. (1) He protects us from fatigue. "He restoreth my soul." We do get worn and weary from life's problems. We must admit that we get tired not of but in the work. We may get depressed in spirit. Thank God, he gives us renewal of spirit. This enables us to get the new spirit needed to continue in life.

(2) He protects us from fear. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." Fear paralyzes the spirit. If we are afraid, we cannot be at ease. The valley does have dark rocks and shadows that bring dire distress. The unknown is always before us. The psalmist said "I walk through" not stand in fright, not turn back in dismay, but quietly walk through distresses. Our behavior is that of trust and not fear.

(3) He protects me from foes. "Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." The crooked stick and the hard club are a continual reminder of our helplessness but also of His energetic protection. Our foes may be as wild beasts. Satan is always attacking the sheep. Sometimes the devil tries to get to us through our fellowman. What comfort to know that in the midst of opposition and oppression, that we must prepare for, we have a watchman who is watching over us with weapons. Sometimes we act so silly in trying to withstand our foes, when he is our protection.

(4) He protects us from fever. "Thou anointest my head with oil." At the end of the day, as the Eastern

shepherd counts his sheep at the door of the fold, he closely scrutinizes them, one by one to see if any head has been in any way wounded. Maybe a rock cut the skin or maybe a snake bit the animal. To leave the head untreated would render it liable for a fever and could be dangerous. So the medicinal oil is rubbed into the wound to prevent infection. How often we as sheep are liable to become, oppressed as we may be by the frets and worries of life. Worries and anxieties left alone in the mind will often lead to spiritual illness. The idea of "trust in the Lord" is such oil.

THE SHEEP'S PROGRESSION

The sheep are always on the go. They move from pasture to water to rest to pasture to fold. We need to remind ourselves that there is never a moment we are outside of his love and care.

(1) He is before us. "He leadeth me beside the still waters." He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness. He is always headguiding the flock, preparing the way, meeting the need. In the East the shepherd will always lead "and the sheep follow."

(2) He is beside me. Thou art with me. His presence means everything to the believer. When he is beside us, there is solid guarantee of the provision, the protection and the progression that are required by us His sheep. There is no way to measure how far or how high we shall go if only we are conscious of and count on him to be beside us.

(3) He is behind us. "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." Goodness and mercy are two sheepdogs, appointed to keep watch over the flock. By his goodness and his mercy we are kept on the straight path.

(4) He is beyond us. "I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." A sheep will begin to trot merrily when it knows that at last the fold is close at hand. The progress of the Christian is moving toward the eternal dwelling place.



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Gallman To Mark

101st Anniversary

One hundred and one years of organized work will be celebrated by Gallman Church on August 4.

Lunch will be served after the morning service, according to Rev. B. E. Padgett, pastor. Former members and friends are invited.

Rev. Rowe Holcomb, former pastor of First, Hazlehurst, will be guest speaker for the 1:45 p.m. service. David Prevost, minister of music at Gallman, and James Beasley will present special music.

Revival services will begin at the morning service (See "Revival Dates.")

Trinity, Eudora

Homecoming Aug. 4

Trinity Church, Eudora, will celebrate homecoming day on August 4. They plan to break ground for a new building, burn notes, and dedicate a new bus ministry. Former pastors will be on program. "Good food, good singing, and preaching" will be part of the day's agenda.

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Deacon-Treasurer Dies At Crowder

Wilson Edmondson, 34 years a deacon and 24 years the treasurer of Crowder Church, Crowder, died June 21.

He had served this church as Christian leader, deacon, treasurer, counselor, and member. He contracted the two present buildings in which they now worship, teach, and train.

Crowder Church, Rev. Truman Scarborough, pastor, adopted a resolution of appreciation for Mr. Edmondson's outstanding leadership "in his church and community, his wise counsel, his Christian understanding, his financial support, and his concern for his fellowman."

vival crusade is being held in a tent next to the Lion's Club on Highway 304 in Eudora. Billy Walker is evangelist and Don Crosswhite is the music evangelist. The crusade is being co-sponsored by Trinity Church and First Church, Eudora. Services are at 7:30 nightly.

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Devotional

One In Christ Jesus

By Al Finch, Pastor, Woodland Hills, Jackson

"There can be neither Jew nor Greek, there can be neither bond nor free, there can be no male and female; for ye all are one man in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).

Robert Raines in *New Life in the Church* tells of a secretary who commented on a particular issue to her boss. He said to her, "Did you get that idea from the funny little church you go to?" Her reply was, "I'm glad my funny little church shows."

One wonders how much does Christianity "show" in our world. Paul saw that people who share new life in Christ no longer make ultimate the distinctions of society. Class, race, and sex can be considered as antagonisms of society. We are not to consider them obliterated, but the Christian views them in a different light.

One heart, one mind guide the reaction of the believer to his world. He is "in Christ Jesus," and discovers a new unity of fellowship with Christ and his fellowman.

How much of our Christian faith shows when the church is seen as a local group, isolated, and oblivious to the good of other Christian bodies and their work?

How can Christ be seen through Christians "voluntarily associated together" who preach the "Gospel for all men" to "select men?"

How can Christ be shown to a world at war by a man who carries a gun?

The Christian today faces a more complex governmental and religious system than the first century Christian. Yet the principle for exercising his faith is still found in the simple words: "you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Iuka Singers Perform At Ceremony Commemorating Beginning Of Waterway

On July 8 the Iuka Singers from Iuka Church had the honor of singing at the ceremony commemorating the beginning of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway in northeast Mississippi. They did a patriotic package of music and Governor Waller of Mississippi, Governor Dunn of Tennessee, Senator Eastland of Mississippi, and other high officials praised their music and sound. The Singers have received many letters from all over two states commending them for a job well done.



Bus To Assist Old Station Wagon

Pictured are members of Mathiston Church, excited over the purchase of a new church bus. In the background is the weary station wagon which welcomes the help of this bus. "The church has thirty-five enrolled in its bus ministry and we feel that having an active bus will add greatly to every area of the church program," says Rev. Marvin D. Bibb, pastor.



Something New In Tupelo

A new church in Tupelo will have its first services August 4. Located at 1001 Bickerstaff Street in Southern Heights, it will be called Southern Heights Church. With seating capacity of 170, plus seven Sunday School classrooms, the building has padded pews and central heat and air. It is the first unit in a long-range building plan. This building and three acres of land have been provided because a man saw the need for this church, and "people who love God and lost souls provided the means whereby it came into being." Rev. G. C. Johnson saw the need several years ago and began to pray about it and ask God's guidance concerning it. Pastor of Second Church, Tupelo, for seven years altogether, has resigned there to become pastor of Southern Heights.

S. E. Bush Dies At 88

S. E. Bush, father of Rev. J. P. Bush of Union, died at Hill Crest Medical Center, Magee, on July 18, at the age of 88 years and 11 months.

Mr. Bush, life time resident of Simpson County, was a retired farmer and cattleman. He was also a lifetime subscriber and reader of the Baptist Record.

His survivors are his wife, Mrs. Cornelia Richardson Bush (her present address is Hill Crest Medical Center, Magee, Miss.); children—Rev. J. P. Bush, Union; Mrs. Inez Cottingham, Jackson; Mrs. E. S. Lee, Mt. Olive; Mrs. Esther Carter, Jackson; Mrs. Eveline Toland, Waco, Texas; 15 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Bush was a member of Bethlehem Church, Simpson County. "He was an outstanding Christian and loved his church, his Lord and his pastor," states a fellow church member.

McComb Youth Work With Texas Missionary On Beach

On July 14, following the evening worship service, 53 young people and sponsors from First, McComb, left by chartered Greyhound Bus for Freeport, Texas.

There they worked with a missionary on the beach, witnessing to vacationers and sharing their faith through day camps and coffee houses. The youth returned to McComb on July 23. Dr. J. B. Fowler, Jr., is the McComb pastor.



Miss Carey Is First Alternate

Elaine Ross of Hattiesburg, named first alternate in the annual Miss Mississippi Pageant in Vicksburg was welcomed back to the campus she represented with a reception given by President and Mrs. Ralph Noon kester in the President's Dining Room of Wilkes Hall. Scores of faculty, students and staff members gathered to congratulate the 5 foot 11 inch beauty who is a senior music therapy major. Shown with the radiant Miss Carey is President Noonkester and Mrs. Robbie Robertson Pinkerton, a former Miss Mississippi, who was Elaine's constant companion and "coach" for this year's pageant. Mrs. Pinkerton's husband, Dr. Frank Pinkerton, is a member of the chemistry faculty on the Carey campus.

Harris To Enter Music Evangelism

On August 18, Price Harris will be resigning his position at Calvary Church, Shreveport, La. to enter full-time music evangelism.



Mr. Harris was born in Tupelo. As a freshman at Clarke he began to sing and was called to Hickory Church as music director the first time he ever led congregational singing!

An interesting aspect of his life is the fact that he was

a lost church member and convicted of his sin by the Holy Spirit and made to realize his need of salvation on October 31, 1961. After serving as music director in several churches during the closing days of his college career, he was called to First Church, Satsuma, Ala., after his graduation from William Carey College with a Bachelor of Music degree. In 1969, he went to Calvary, Shreveport, as minister of music and youth.

He is perhaps best known for his ministry with Pastor W. D. "Step" Martin. Their ministry together spanned ten years beginning at First, Satsuma, before moving to Calvary. Their ministry at Calvary has seen more than two hundred each year come to know Christ as Saviour and attendance more than double.

He is married to the former Ann Leonard of Bogue Chitto. They have two children, Melodie and Jonathan Price.

He and his family will continue to live in Shreveport. Those who wish to contact Mr. Harris may do so through Calvary Baptist Church, St. Vincent at 75th St., Shreveport, La. 71106.

Blue Mountain To Share S&H Grant

Blue Mountain College will share in a grant made to the Mississippi Foundation of Independent Colleges, Inc. by the S&H Foundation, Inc.

The grant, part of a \$35,000 gift to the 40 state associations of privately supported colleges and universities across the country, was presented by Robert A. Sawhill, Regional Manager for the Sperry and Hutchinson Company, sponsor of the S&H Foundation.

Vocal Group To Be At Goodwater

Goodwater Church (Lauderdale) will have the singing group from Hattiesburg, "Maranatha" to conduct the evening worship hour on Aug 4 beginning at 8 p.m. The church extends an invitation to the public.



Couple Surrenders To Missions Call

For the past year the Longview Heights Church, Olive Branch (DeSoto) has been involved in a special mission emphasis. This program involved local, home, city and foreign missionaries, who led a discussion on missions monthly during Church Training, and preached during worship hour. "The purpose was to create a greater interest in missions, and to give an opportunity for God to call out the called," states Rev. Armand D. Taylor, pastor.

The results have been significant. One of those was the answering of God's call by Mr. and Mrs. Dan South to become missionaries. They are both graduates of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, where they met. She has an education degree, and he a degree in music. Cheryl surrendered to be a missionary during her teenage years. She states, "I was just waiting for God to call my husband." They have two sons, Louis, 6, and Mark, 4.

The Souths will be moving to Southwestern Seminary, where they will continue to prepare to do God's will.

For the past two years Mr. South has served Longview Heights Church as minister of music and youth.

Homecoming, Revival Set For Rocky Point Church (Leake)

Homecoming will be observed at Rocky Point Church in Leake Association Sunday, Aug. 4, with dinner-on-the-grounds following morning worship hour.

Revival will begin that same day with Rev. John D. Hopper of Meridian as evangelist and Tom Larrimore of Jackson as music director.

Services during week at 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Rev. Lester Jones is pastor.

Revival Dates

Liberty Hill (Panola): August 4-9; Dr. James L. Travis, Blue Mountain faculty, evangelist; Mike Bell, First, Shelby, singer; Sunday at 11 and 8; during week at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.; Rev. Everett Denton, pastor.

Peach Creek, Sardis: August 5-11; weekday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 11 and 7:30; Rev. Curtis James, pastor of Union Hall, Brookhaven, preacher; Frank West of Pilgrim's Rest, Batesville, song leader; Rev. Charles Everitt, pastor.

Macedonia (Union Co.): August 4-9; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Roland Burnett, pastor of Calvary Church, Westford, Tex., evangelist; Rev. Leonard Howell, pastor.

Bethel (Rankin): August 4-9; Rev. Elton Moore, pastor; Rev. M. R. Bradley, pastor of First Church, Florence, evangelist; Dewayne Tanton, music director of Calvary, Greenville, singer; regular services Sunday; 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. during week; Joe Wood, church music director; dinner on the grounds August 4.

Bethel, Braxton (Simpson): August 4-9; Rev. Arnett McCoy, evangelist; G. W. Shorter, song leader; Rev. R. G. (Bob) Stewart, pastor; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Daily at 7:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

Clear Creek, Oxford: July 28 - August 2; services 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. throughout week; Rev. Robert Martin, pastor, First, Archibald, La. evangelist; (Martin is former pastor of the church and also the First Church in Ripley); Tommy Lane, minister of music of Bellevue, Memphis, directing music; Rev. Kenneth McMillen, pastor.

Montgomery (Lincoln): Aug 4 - 9; Rev. Harold Bethune, evangelist; Charles Winborne, singer; Rev. John L. Carlisle, pastor; regular Sunday services; dinner served after morning service; services Monday through Friday 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Calvary, Cleveland: Aug. 4-9; Dr. Fuller B. Saunders, pastor, First, Houston, evangelist; Jerry Beatty, music director, Antioch, Columbus, singer; Rev. Jimmy Dukes, pastor.

Woodhaven Church, Ocean Springs: August 5-11; Rev. W. L. Collins, Coahoma, S. C., evangelist; Don Cawthon of Escatawa, in charge of music; Rev. C. I. Miller, pastor.

First, Sumrall: August 4-9; Rev. Charlie W. Thompson, Jr., pastor of Ash Street Church, Forest Park, Georgia, evangelist; Jerry Talley, minister of music, Oak Forest, Jackson, singer; services 7:30 p.m.; Mrs. Janice Russell, organist; Karen Daniel, pianist; Rev. Don Nerren, pastor.

Parkview, Leland: Aug. 4-9; Rev. Johnny Sanders, Westside Church, Bastrop, Louisiana, evangelist; George Gower, Kokomo, Indiana, leading music; old-fashioned dinner on the ground and singing at 1:30 p.m.; Rev. M. E. Perry, pastor.

Philadelphia, Etta: services for two weeks, only on Thursday and Friday nights of each week; Rev. Tommy Tutor, pastor of First Church, Holly Springs, evangelist, Aug. 1 and 2; Rev. Charles Brock from First Church, Calhoun City, evangelist, Aug. 8 and 9; services at 7:30 p.m.

Shuqualak Church: August 4-9; 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday; 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. during week; Rev. Joe A. Thompson, pastor of Calvary Church, Blytheville, Ark., evangelist; Rev. Charles Davis, pastor of East Louisville Church, Louisville, singer; Rev. Roy D. Hawkins, pastor.

Strong Hope, Wesson: August 4-9; Dr. Harold T. Bryson, pastor of First Church, Carthage, evangelist; music by the church's music department; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. with lunch served at noon; weekday services, Monday through Friday, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Perry T. Culver, pastor.

Linn Church (Sunflower) August 4-9; services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday; 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. Mon. - Fri.; (August 4 will be Homecoming with lunch at the church and singing in the afternoon beginning at 1); Rev. Jaspel Neel, pastor of First, Belzoni, evangelist; Ken Turner, also of the Belzoni, song leader; Rev. Dale Wilson, pastor.

Yale Street, Cleveland: August 4-9; Rev. Donald Toomey, pastor, First Itta Bena, evangelist; J. B. Betts, Southaven, song leader; Sunday services 11 and 7; weekday at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Rev. Bobby Walton, pastor.

Thomstown (Leake): August 4 - 9; Rev. Delmer Harkins, pastor, Denham Springs, La., evangelist; Dudley Brasher, minister of music, Shiloh (Chickasaw), singer; Rev. A. W. Brasher, pastor.

Gallman Church: August 4 - 9; Rev. John L. Gilbert, Louisiana, field secretary, Southwest area mission program, evangelist; James Beasley, minister of music, First, Crystal Springs, singer; Rev. B. E. Padgett, pastor; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Greenfield, Greenville: Aug. 4-9; 10:30 a.m. and 7:30; Dr. Lawrence Clegg, pastor FBC, Ponchatoula, La., evangelist; Tommy Howard, First Church, Leland, music; Rev. Cecil Clegg, pastor.

Robinswood Church near Brandon: August 4-9; services at 7:30 p.m.; featuring two evangelists, Leo Humphrey and Dr. Bob Griffin; (Humphrey for six years has preached on the streets to hippies, dope addicts, alcoholics, and others—first on Sunset Strip in Los Angeles with Arthur Blessitt, and later on Bourbon Street in New Orleans. Griffin is with Fulton Road Church, Mobile, Ala.)

Line Creek, Morton: August 4-9; Rev. Kenneth Jones, evangelist; E. C. Harpe, music director; Joyce Townsend, pianist; Rev. W. E. Bass, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.; (homecoming August 4).

Carson Church: August 4-9; Rev. J. A. McCain, pastor at Harrisville, evangelist; regular services on Sunday, August 4, with noon meal at the church; services 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; Rev. Billy Ray Therrell, new pastor (see "Names in the News.")

Jupiter (Simpson): Aug. 4-9; Rev. Frank Jones, pastor Beulah Church, Magee, evangelist; Miss Marsha Roberts, music director at Jupiter, song leader; Sunday services at regular time with lunch served followed by an afternoon service, weekday services 7 p.m.; Rev. Lamar Taylor, pastor.

Straight Bayou (Sharkey-Issaquena): August 4-9; Rev. J. A. Blount, Chewalla, Tn., evangelist; Wayne Robbins, Rolling Fork, song leader; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.; weekday Mon.-Fri. at 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.; radio messages on WELZ, Belzoni, at 8:30 a.m.; Rev. J. Harold Jones, pastor.

Providence (Grenada): August 5-9; Rev. Don Henderson, evangelist; Hollis Ishee, singer; services at Gore Springs Private School unless a change is made (due to church destruction by fire in March); 10:45 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.; Rev. Archie D. Fleming, pastor.



TOURNAMENT TROPHIES—Tournament Director, R. W. Brister, displays awards to be given to top four teams in Mississippi Baptist Slow-Pitch Tournament set for August 15, 16, 17 and 23 and 24th in Jackson. From left to right are: Jehu Brabham, Director Women's Tournaments; R. W. Brister, Director of Tournament; and Rev. Fred Tarpley, Superintendent of Missions for Hinds-Madison Baptist Association.

Center Hill, Hamilton: August 4-9; 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Raymond Parkin, Petal, evangelist; Marvin E. Taylor, music director; Rev. Ray Hill, pastor; special music each evening.

Hebron (Grenada): August 5-11; Rev. Clyde Little, pastor, First, Forest, evangelist; Wade Bailey of Hebron, singer; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Wesley Milley, pastor.

Goss Church, Columbia: Aug. 4-9; 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.; Rev. M. Glenn Smith (pastor at Society Hill, Oakvale, Arm, and Goss 1940-1945) presently pastor at First, Englewood, Florida, evangelist; Rev. Bill Wilkinson, associate pastor, First Columbia, in charge of the music; Rev. Bill Hale, pastor.

Bethel, Hazlehurst: Aug. 4-9. Services Sunday 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; services nightly 7:30 during week; Rev. Wylie Heath, pastor, O'Zion, Meadville, evangelist; Denise Tyson, music director, Bethel Church, singer; Rev. Doug Warren, pastor.

Sledge (Quitman County): Aug. 4-9; Rev. Tommy Durrett, Panola County and a former missionary to Brazil, evangelist; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; services Monday-Friday at 8 p.m.; Rev. Billy J. McDaniel, pastor.

First Church, Morton: Aug. 4-9; services 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Harper Shannon, evangelist; Jack P. Buice, song leader; Rev. Bartis Harper, pastor.

Slow-Pitch Tourney Scheduled, Jackson

Tournament Director, R. W. Brister, announces the Mississippi Baptist slow-pitch Softball Tournament to be held in Jackson, August 15, 16, 17, and continue on August 23 and 24.

The tournament will be a double elimination affair with trophies being awarded to the top four finishing teams. In addition to the trophy award to the first place team, wind breaker jackets will be given to the winner with a 15 jacket limit.

It is important that entry fees, \$40.00 per team, and rosters be returned to the tournament director by Saturday, August 10. All members participating in the tournament MUST be members of the sponsoring church and all teams entering MUST be entered by the DEADLINE of August 10, 1974.

Please send fees and rosters to R. W. Brister, Hinds-Madison Baptist Association, Box 4686, Jackson, Miss. 39216 or for further information call 362 8676, the Association Office.

Line Creek, Morton, Homecoming To Mark Pastor's 15th Year

Line Creek Church, Morton, will observe homecoming day on August 4, in celebration of the 15th year with their pastor, Rev. W. E. Bass.

The morning worship service will begin as usual at 11. Then following lunch in the new fellowship hall, an afternoon service will begin at 1:30. All former members have a special invitation to attend.

Special music during the day will

Off The Record

My four-year-old nephew, Terry, complained of a headache. I gave him an aspirin. Later I asked him how he was feeling.

"It's like this," he said. "Down here," he pointed to his stomach, "I feel like I've just been born." "But up here," he touched his forehead, "I feel like I'm a thousand-years old."

—Mrs. Louise Smith
Columbus, Mississippi

An English tourist was on his first visit to Niagara Falls, and a guide was trying to impress him with their magnitude.

"Grand!" suggested the guide, but the visitor did not seem impressed. "Millions of gallons every minute," explained the guide.

"How many in a day?" asked the tourist.

"Oh, billions and billions," answered the guide.

The visitor looked across and down and up as if gauging the flow. "Runs all night, too, I suppose?" he remarked nonchalantly.

Dr. Joe Triplett Recovering From Brain Surgery

Dr. Joe Triplett, Minister of Pastoral Care of First Church, Jackson, is showing splendid recovery from brain surgery which he underwent at Mayo Clinic about two weeks ago. On Monday, July 29, he was released from the hospital and is now at the home of his son in Rochester, Minnesota. Within a few days he expects to go to the home of his daughter, and hopes to return to Mississippi soon. However, he will not be back in his office for several weeks. We talked to Dr. Triplett on Tuesday morning (30th) and he stated that he was doing well. He expressed gratitude for the prayers and other manifestations of interest and love which have come from friends in Mississippi and elsewhere.

He is presented by Judy and Jim Rhodes, E. C. Harpe, and Joyce Townsend. Also a revival begins on that date with Rev. Kenneth Jones as evangelist (see "Revival Dates.")